

## **Improving Access to General Practice Services (IAGPS)**

Dorset CCG is working to improve access to appointments for the patients across Dorset, in particular at evenings and weekends. The IAGPS project reflects an entirely new way of working. Its aim is to provide a service that is useful to patients, is safe, and provide genuinely additional primary care capacity to support GP services.

The new IAGPS service in Mid Dorset is based at the Dorset County Hospital site. It will be staffed by GPs, nurse practitioners, practice nurses and health care assistants, providing a mixture of primary care appointments.

If you are unable to make a suitable appointment at our surgery, then please do contact the IAGPS service to make a convenient appointment at any of their centres. Please be aware that you will NOT be able to see your USUAL GP or NURSE at any of these clinics.

### **Mid Dorset**

Based at Dorset County Hospital

Saturday 9am-3pm

GP and practice nurse – urgent appointments

Saturday and Sunday 3 hours each

Urgent Nurse Practitioner appointments

Patients are also free to choose to visit any of the other bases within Dorset to give a wider range of appointment availability. They are:

### **West Dorset**

Based in the Bridport Minor Injuries Unit

Mon – Fri 6.30-8pm

Same day bookable Nurse Practitioner appointments

Saturday and Sunday 9am-6pm (Every other weekend)

Urgent and routine Nurse Practitioner appointments

### **Weymouth and Portland**

Based in the Urgent Care Centre at Weymouth Community Hospital

Mon-Fri 6.30 -8pm

GP/ANP - same day bookable appointments

Saturday 9am-5pm

GP and Practice Nurse – routine and urgent appointments

Sunday 9am-5pm

Practice Nurse – routine and urgent appointments

### **How do I make an Appointment?**

Patients can call the service on **01305 762541** to make an appointment at any of the centres providing the services. If you need to cancel an appointment or would like to rearrange it we would also ask you to contact the same number.