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### **Extended hours at PML's Neighbourhood Access Hubs**

Our patients now have even better access to a doctor at the weekends and in the evenings. Neighbourhood Access Hubs developed by Principal Medical Limited (PML) on behalf of Oxfordshire practices in 2015, have extended their opening hours so that yet more patients can benefit from national GP Access funding (GPAF). This is great news for the 300,000+ patients registered with the 36 PML GP Federation practices in Oxfordshire.

The aims of the service remain the same; patients requesting a pre-bookable GP appointment at their own practice, may be offered an appointment at a nearby location, with a local GP or nurse who has access to their medical records.

This provides more appointments for patients during the day, the evenings and at weekends, while relieving GP practices of some of the pressure of providing treatment for minor illnesses.

What does this mean for you?

- No change in the booking process for appointments.
- You may be offered an appointment during normal or extended hours at a Hub location.

In Didcot, Wantage and Faringdon, pre-bookable GP Access sessions are held at local GP practices. Appointments can be booked through your usual GP Practice reception.

The appointments are available at various locations between the hours 6:30pm to 8:00pm Monday to Friday. On Saturday mornings, between 08.30am and 11.45am the hub operates from Woodlands Medical Centre, Didcot.

Your usual GP practice can provide up-to-date information on appointment times and locations of Hubs.

Making more time available at the Surgery means that we will be able to put more focus into preventive care, offering longer appointments and concentrated treatment for patients with long-term conditions and complex needs.

Find out more about the Neighbourhood Access Hubs here: <https://www.principal-medical.co.uk/pml-services/>

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