



Practice Plus Group MSK,  
Buckinghamshire

# Patient Information



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Thank you for choosing the NHS Buckinghamshire Musculoskeletal Service. We provide a clinical assessment and treatment service for patients presenting with a musculoskeletal condition. A musculoskeletal condition is any condition affecting the joints, muscles, ligaments and nerves that may cause pain or reduced function. This booklet explains how the service works and what to expect during your appointment. If you have any questions or worries before your appointment, visit our website: [www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk](http://www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk) or call us on 0333 999 2586. Our staff will be able to discuss any concerns you may have.

### About Practice Plus Group

We are one of the UK's leading health and social care providers. We run a wide range of services including GP practices, NHS walk-in centres, as well as musculoskeletal and orthopaedic clinics at various locations throughout the country. You can find out more about Practice Plus Group at [www.practiceplusgroup.com](http://www.practiceplusgroup.com)

This service is provided by Practice Plus Group on behalf of the NHS Buckinghamshire. All services are free to NHS patients.

### About the service

This service operates from eight convenient locations that offer a safe and secure setting in existing health centres and hospitals. The clinical staff working in the service are fully qualified, experienced and registered with professional healthcare bodies. You can find out more about our staff at our website: [www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk](http://www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk)

## Our locations

High Wycombe\*  
Amersham  
Marlow  
Chalfont St Peter  
Iver heath Health Centre

Buckingham  
Thame  
Burnham

\* Diagnostics available  
at this location



## What to expect at your appointment

If you don't yet know the date, time and place for your appointment, please contact us on [0333 999 2586](tel:03339992586) quoting any appointment reference numbers you may have.

We are fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. If you need our language service or if you have any special access needs such as wheelchair use, please let us know prior to your appointment by contacting us on [0333 999 2586](tel:03339992586).

When visiting us, please ensure:

- You bring your appointment letter
- You bring details of any medicines you are taking
- You bring a list of any questions you want to ask
- You're appropriately dressed as you may need to partly undress for the Clinician to fully assess you. For example; bring a pair of shorts for leg problems, or a vest top for shoulder problems.

Once your condition has been assessed, you may need further treatment, advice, physiotherapy, investigations or be seen again. If you require ongoing treatment, e.g. referral to a hospital or to attend further physiotherapy sessions, we will discuss your options in detail with you and help you with your choices. Once your appointment is complete, we will write to your GP providing full details of the assessment and management.

## Cancelling or changing your appointment

If you are not able to make your appointment, please telephone us to let us know. We will then be able to offer this appointment to another patient.

## Failure to attend your appointment

If you fail to tell us you are not coming to an appointment, you may be discharged from the service. If you are discharged we will write to your GP informing them and, should you still need an appointment, they will need to refer you again.



## Text messages (SMS)

You may receive a text message confirming or reminding you of your appointment. If you would prefer not to, please let us know.

## Transport

Wherever possible, it is hoped that you will be able to travel to the clinic by car or public transport. If you currently qualify for patient transport on medical grounds to get to hospital our patient transport service is available to you. If you haven't already advised your GP at your appointment that you need this service, please contact us on [0333 999 2586](tel:03339992586) to arrange.

## Bringing children to your appointment

If you need to bring your child or children to your appointment, please ensure a friend or relative (over the age of 18) is able to come with you to look after them. Unfortunately, we have no child minding facilities and our staff are not able to look after them during your appointment.

## Patient Experience Service

The Patient Experience Service helps patients, their families and carers when they need advice have concerns or do not know where to turn. They welcome all compliments, suggestions, concerns and complaints, as these help monitor the quality of services and make improvements where necessary. It is a confidential service providing information on all aspects of NHS services. If patients wish to highlight issues or concerns but do not want to make a formal complaint the Patient Experience Service will report these to the key people within the service responsible for improving the patient experience.

Telephone: [0800 328 5640](tel:08003285640) Email: [bucksccg.palscomplaints@nhs.net](mailto:bucksccg.palscomplaints@nhs.net)

## Consent, privacy and dignity

We always ask you for permission before any of our staff examine or treat you. Maintaining your privacy and dignity is a priority for us. We'll listen to your personal preferences and your needs and act upon them wherever possible. If you require a trained chaperone to be present during your assessment please contact us well in advance of your appointment so that we can arrange this for you.

## Confidentiality

All information (on paper and on computers) is confidential and stored safely. At all times our staff follow NHS guidelines and the GDPR regulations.

## Seeing your medical records

You have the right to see your own medical records. This may include information held on a computer or on paper. If you would like to see this information, please speak to the staff. If you would like to receive copies of your records you should write to the service manager at the address listed at the back of this guide. If you would like to have copies of letters that we send to your doctor please tell the staff at the clinic.

## Patient satisfaction

Practice Plus Group staff aim to provide you with high quality services. We regularly ask our patients about their experiences with us and welcome your opinions. This helps us to remodel and develop the service further.

You can speak to a member of staff when you are at the clinic.

Alternatively, you can contact the service manager on [0333 999 2586](tel:03339992586) or write to the address listed on the back of this guide.

You can also ask us for patient satisfaction statistics or view them at our website [www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk](http://www.mskdiagnostics.co.uk)



## If you have a complaint - talk to us

We want to give our patients the best possible care. However, problems can arise. Sometimes this is because of a misunderstanding which can be sorted out promptly if our staff are told. We will investigate any complaints from patients or their representatives thoroughly.

If you are unhappy with the services or care we are providing, please contact the service manager on **0333 999 2586** between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

You can also write to:

Service Manager

Practice Plus Group

Unit 2

The Merlin Centre

Cressex Business Park

Lancaster Road

High Wycombe HP12 3QL

Email: [practiceplusgrp.bucks-music@nhs.net](mailto:practiceplusgrp.bucks-music@nhs.net)

Please include the following:

- Your name and address
- Details of your complaint, including the date of when you were seen or treated
- Any other comments that you wish to make

We will respond to your concerns considerately, quickly and as effectively as possible in line with the NHS Complaints regulations (2009).

For full information on our complaints procedure, please ask for a leaflet at reception.

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This leaflet is available in other languages and can also be made available upon request in Braille, audio or large print. Please contact **0333 999 2586** to request a copy.

Copies of all documents and information can be found at [www.msksdiagnostics.co.uk](http://www.msksdiagnostics.co.uk)

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