

## Registration

The birth of your new baby should be registered with the Registrar as soon as possible and no later than 6 weeks after the birth.

The Registrar will give you a signed form, which shows your baby's NHS number. We need this form to register your baby with the surgery. Please bring this to reception as soon as possible—preferably before the



## Midwife



baby's 6-8 week check.

Upon discharge from the hospital, you will be looked after by the Practice Midwife or Community

Midwife (depending on need) up to 28 days after the birth. If you had shared ante-natal care, this will usually be the same Midwife who you saw during your pregnancy and she will be able to help you with any immediate

## Health Visitor

problems.

Between the 10th and 14th day of coming home, the Health Visitor carries on from the Midwife and it is her role to provide routine advice about looking after your baby, such as feeding problems/health checks. They will contact you when your baby is approximately 1 week old to arrange a visit.



## Post-natal Examination

This is a routine examination 6-8 weeks after the birth and involves blood pressure measurement and a general health check. The surgery will send out an appointment for baby's 6-8 week check and your post-natal examination.

If you are due a cervical smear, please book an appointment for this to be done by a Practice Nurse 12 weeks after the birth.

## Contraception and Family Planning

The practice provides a full range of contraceptive options including the pill, coils and advice. This can be discussed at your post-natal visit or at a routine surgery appointment before or after. We also provide post coital contraception—when necessary.

## Immunisation

Our Doctors recommend the standard immunisations including whooping cough unless there are specific contraindications. We will be happy to discuss any questions you may have. The immunisations are carried out at the surgery on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am. Your child's immunisations will be recorded on their medical records. Appointments will be sent to you automatically.

## Child Development

Routine checks on your child's development are carried out by the Doctors at 6-8 weeks and Health Visitors at age 8 months and 2 1/2 years. These details will be entered directly onto your child's personal health records, so please remember to bring your child's red book to the appointment.

If your child is unwell and you need to speak to a Healthcare Professional, please call the surgery on  
01625 428081  
between the hours of  
8am—6.30pm  
Monday to Friday.

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If your child requires **urgent** medical care when the surgery is closed you will need to contact the Out of Hours Service on 01625 502999.

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This service is based at the Emergency Primary Care Centre located within Macclesfield District General Hospital and operates between 6.30pm and 8.00am Monday to Thursday and at weekends from 6.30pm Friday until 8.00am Monday.