

# Western Elms & Circuit Lane Newsletter

## Western Elms & Circuit Lane Surgeries Patient Participation Group (PPG)



The surgery has received more patient feedback, good and bad, over the last 12 months than in previous years with the most patient contacts ever. Most of these have come through formal channels enabling us to celebrate success or try to put things right where we can.

Some have come through anonymous channels like Facebook and google where we cannot respond specifically as it is a public domain. We do piece them together and investigate them at the practice.

If you would like to proactively understand how the surgery works and learn about the health services it delivers then why not join our Patient Participation Group. We hold virtual meetings every month due to current constraints and look at how we can improve services for the patients on behalf of the patients.

Do you have an hour to spare? Could you make a difference?

Please contact us at  
[we.patientgroup@nhs.net](mailto:we.patientgroup@nhs.net)

### **PARTNERS NEWS**

Dr Ify Oji has announced that she will be taking a career break and will be leaving the Practice on 31st May. WECLS has benefited hugely since she started her career as a trainee and we are sorry to see her go!

## **NATIONAL WALKING MONTH**

May is living streets' National Walking Month. Walking is good for our minds, our bodies and our neighbourhoods and has been a lifeline during the past year, helping people stay active and connected. That's why we want everyone to keep going and pledge to [#WalkThisMay!](#)



**Make May purple**  
for stroke  
[stroke.org.uk/strokemonth](http://stroke.org.uk/strokemonth)

## **MAKE MAY PURPLE/ACTION ON STROKE MONTH 2021**

runs throughout May and is an annual awareness event arranged by the [Stroke Association](#). The month is to raise awareness of Strokes and their impact on sufferers and their friends and families as well as

educating the general public on the signs and symptoms of strokes, what causes strokes, what happens during a stroke and what to do in the event of someone suffering a stroke.

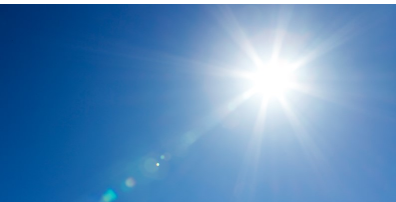
## **GLOBAL HAND HYGIENE DAY, 5TH MAY 2021**

Save lives: Clean your hands calls on health facilities to prevent health care-associated sepsis through hand hygiene and infection prevention and control (IPC) action. Sepsis is estimated to affect more than 30 million patients every year worldwide.



## **SUN AWARENESS WEEK, 3-9 MAY 2021**

With almost half of British people having been sunburnt last year, [Sun awareness week](#) highlights the importance of looking after your skin in the sun.



## **DEAF AWARENESS WEEK, 3-9 MAY 2021**

The aim of Deaf Awareness Week is to raise awareness of hearing loss in the UK and its impact on people's lives. DAW 2021 will focus on 'coming through it together', working with the members to continue to raise awareness more so now than ever and to ensure that we continue to campaign together whilst focusing on positivity going forward. Get involved through the [UK Council on Deafness website](#).



## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK, 10-16 MAY 2021**

Mental Health Awareness Week is all about raising awareness and promoting better mental health. Take a look at the dedicated [web page](#) for more information on mental health in the workplace.



## **DYING MATTERS AWARENESS WEEK, 10-16 MAY 2021**

is a chance for coalition partners, organisations and individuals to come together and open up the conversation around [death, dying and bereavement](#).



## **DEMANTIA ACTION WEEK, 17-23 MAY 2021**

This Dementia Action Week, Alzheimer's Society is calling on the Government to cure the care system now.