Monday 16 May

**Billet Lane Medical Practice and Hornchurch Health Care**

The Medical Centre has been temporarily closed until further notice following the discovery of legionella bacteria during routine testing of the water supply.

To ensure the safety of patients, anyone registered with Hornchurch Healthcare or Billet Lane Medical Practice requiring a face to face appointment will be seen at another nearby surgery. Patients due to have appointments at either surgery will be contacted directly.

If you need an appointment or for further information during opening hours ring Billet Lane Medical Practice on 01708 442377 or Hornchurch Healthcare on 01708 440187.

Out of hours health services can be contacted by calling 111.

Any prescriptions posted here will continue to be processed by your practice teams as normal.

It is important to note that while legionella can be found in water supplies, the majority of people exposed to it will not become ill with Legionnaires’ disease and the illness cannot be spread from person-to-person. However, if you do feel unwell contact your GP or call 111.

For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/legionnaires-disease/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/legionnaires-disease/)