

# Torbay patients can see a GP in the evening and at weekends

Did you know, as a Torbay patient, you can see a GP in the evening and at weekends?

The Torbay Enhanced Access Service is available to anyone registered with a Torbay GP Practice.

All you need to do is contact your regular surgery (during normal opening hours) and they will make an appointment for you.

Midweek appointments are held at various locations throughout Torbay and may not take place at your regular practice. They are available from:

- Monday to Thursday, between 6pm and 8pm.

Weekend appointments take place at Pembroke House Surgery in Paignton, and are available:

- Fridays 6pm-8pm
- Saturdays 8am-6pm
- Sundays 8am-1pm.

You can also choose to speak with a GP over the phone if it's difficult to get to your appointment, or if a face-to-face consultation is unnecessary.

The Enhanced Access Service is for patients who need 'routine' care. It is different to the NHS out-of-hours service, which is for urgent care and accessed by calling 111.

As well as GP consultations, patients can use the Enhanced Access Service for a range of routine appointments, such as:

- Smear tests
- Blood tests
- Pill checks
- Vitamin B12 injections
- Ear syringing
- NHS health checks
- Child immunisations.

So, if you find it difficult to make it to your GP during regular hours – because of work or family commitments, for example – it's the ideal alternative.

The Enhanced Access Service is run by Torbay General Practice – an alliance of ten GP surgeries, which includes **Compass House Medical Centres**.

TGP's surgeries work together to deliver large-scale services and tackle wider health issues more effectively.

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