

# **From 1 October 2017 there will be no GP service at the minor injuries unit (MIU) at Queen Mary's Hospital.**

## **What does this mean for patients?**

For most people, nothing will change. The minor injuries service is led by specialist nurses. All patients will continue to see a nurse when they attend the minor injuries unit. If the nurse needs to refer a patient to see a GP, they will still be able to do this by referring to the patient's own surgery.

## **Can the nurses treat everyone?**

The nurses can assess patients with a minor injury or illness **except for children under the age of 2.**

## **What should I do if I have a child under the age of 2?**

If you have a child under the age of 2 who needs treatment, you should contact your GP practice or call 111.

## **What is the minor injuries unit for?**

If you have a minor injury or simple illness you can attend the Queen Mary's Hospital Minor Injuries Unit to see one of the specialist emergency nurses.

You can also get emergency contraception, advice on healthy living and information about other NHS services. The Minor Injuries Unit at Queen Mary's benefits from having full access X-ray facilities at the hospital.

The specialist nurses do not treat children under two years old or people injured in road traffic accidents.

If you have flu like symptoms or are suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting, stay at home and seek advice from your GP or call NHS 111.

## **Did you know GP appointments are now available in Wandsworth, 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week?**

Please contact your normal GP practice to make an appointment

## **How to register with a GP**

There are lots of benefits from registering with a GP. For example, if you have an illness, you will have access to on-going care and any specialist treatment you need. It also means that you can be prescribed the right medication, for example if you have any allergies.

If you need help finding your nearest GP practice, so that you can register as a patient, call NHS England on 0300 311 2233 or go to NHS Choices ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)).

If you aren't registered with a GP you can call 111 to get advice and you can still use the minor injuries unit.