

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

We operate the following Chaperone Policy at this Practice:

- 1) Any patient can request a Chaperone for any Physical Examination.
- 2) Before performing an intimate examination the Doctor or Nurse will ask you if you would like to have a Chaperone.
- 3) For intimate examinations the Doctor or Nurse will often insist that you have a Chaperone present for the examination
- 4) The Chaperone will usually be a Nurse or a specially trained member of Staff, but could occasionally a Doctor or another qualified person.
- 5) The Doctor or Nurse will check that you are happy with the chosen Chaperone before inviting them in.
- 6) The Doctor or Nurse will usually clarify with you again the nature of the examination and the reason for it when the Chaperone is present.
- 7) The Chaperone will always be expected to stand inside the curtain.
- 8) The Chaperone is primarily there as an independent observer of the procedure but they can support you and they might pass equipment to the Doctor.