<u>Heathgate Medical Practice</u> Travel vaccination service – limited service available

There are currently national problems with the supply of vaccinations for protection against hepatitis A, hepatitis B and tetanus (tetanus is only available by a combined vaccination with diphtheria and polio).

The latest public health advice is that the provision of these vaccinations to Primary Care is not likely to be resolved for at least two months.

We are, therefore, unable to provide these vaccinations to patients and so this limits our NHS travel vaccination service to just the administration of typhoid vaccinations. With this we have been forced to suspend our travel service.

We have made enquiries with the Globe Travel Service in Norwich (Telephone 01603 667323) and they are able to offer non NHS travel advice clinics and vaccine administration – albeit it on a private basis.

If you visit the Globe Travel Clinic, you should remember that they are likely to charge for the travel consultation and the vaccinations.

If typhoid vaccination is recommended by any private clinic, then we can provide this to you in a simple 10 minute nurse appointment.

Sorry for the inconvenience this national supply problem is creating, but we are led by the manufacturer's ability to supply these vaccines.

We will reinstate the travel service when supplies are reintroduced.

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