



Saddleworth Medical Practice

Self Care

Fact Sheet

What is Self Care?

Self Care is the actions that individuals take for themselves, on behalf of and with others in order to develop, protect, maintain and improve their health, wellbeing or wellness.

In other words Self Care is about looking after yourself in a healthy way. It can be anything from brushing your teeth, doing some exercise, managing common conditions (like headaches, colds and flu) or living with a long-term health problem, such as asthma or diabetes.

Self Care for healthy living

Living well is important for everyone. It means eating healthily, exercising regularly, quitting smoking and drinking in moderation.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/livewell

Self Care for common conditions

Self Care can help you manage common conditions.

The Self Care Forum has produced fact sheets on common ailments. The fact sheets contain information about what to expect, what to do, and when to seek medical help.

To find out more visit www.selfcareforum.org/fact-sheets or collect a fact sheet from our reception.

Self Care for long-term conditions

Self Care can help you feel, supported, informed, and confident if you are living with a long term condition.

It can help you find out information about your condition, give you tips on working in partnership with the practice to plan for your needs, and ideas on how you can meet other people who have the same condition.

To find out more about what is available for you speak to your Long Term Condition Nurse at the practice. The NHS website can help with advice on long term conditions www.nhs.uk/conditions

Why we are committed to Self Care

The practice and Patient Participation Group are committed to Self Care as we believe more needs to be done to support people to better look after their own health.

Empowering individual to Self Care has many benefits to their short and long term health.

Helping people to look after their own health, and their family's health also helps manage demand on the health service.

Self Care Week - 18 to 24 November 2019

Self Care Week is an annual national awareness week that focuses on promoting Self Care.

“think” self care for a healthier, happier life

To find out more visit www.selfcareforum.org or take a look at our waiting room displays.



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