

First Contact Physio Service Update

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Who are First Contact Physiotherapists?

First Contact Physiotherapists (FCPs) are specialist Physiotherapists with enhanced skills, usually based in GP surgeries such as those part of The Orchard Partnership.

They can help patients with musculoskeletal problems such as back pain, arthritis, or muscle problems by:

- Assessing and diagnosing
- Providing expert advice on management
- Making onward referrals as necessary

Most FCPs have additional skills meaning they can order blood tests and x-rays, complete sick notes and organise prescriptions. FCPs can make onward referrals to other services such as Orthopaedics, Rheumatology, Physiotherapy and Podiatry as necessary.



How to book

It's really easy to book an appointment with a First Contact Physio (FCP) thanks to their regular area clinics.

Simply contact your surgery and ask to book an appointment with the FCP. There is no need to see your GP - saving you time and helping you access the care you need, sooner.

Contact numbers

The Old Orchard Surgery, Wilton: 01722 744775

Spring Orchard Surgery, Fovant: 01722 714789

Cherry Orchard Surgery, Codford: 01985 850298

Till Orchard Surgery, Shrewton: 01980 620259

Top tip: reception phone lines are usually busiest first thing in the morning, so we suggest calling later in the day if you can.

[Explore more info available from WHC here.](#)



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