Appointments with a Nurse Practitioner:

Our surgery employs qualified Nurse Practitioners who are registered nurses who have completed additional training to either degree or masters level. As a result, they are able to assess, diagnose, treat and manage illness and disease.

They can see you if you have problems with your:

- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Head and Eyes
- Heart and Lungs
- Abdomen and Bones
- or, if you are feeling anxious or in low mood

The Nurse Practitioners are also trained to carry out gynaecological and breast examinations for ladies.

The aim is to expand and enhance the services they can offer you as a practice nurse. You may be offered an appointment with a Nurse Practitioner as an alternative to the doctor.

Can the Nurse Practitioner give me a prescription?

Yes … The Nurse Practitioner will be able to arrange a prescription as part of your consultation.

What if I need a blood test as well?

If after assessing you the Nurse Practitioner feels that you need a blood test, she will take a sample during your appointment. If the sample needs to be "on an empty stomach" you may need to return to the surgery for a blood test appointment with the health care assistant.

Can the Nurse Practitioner give me a medical certificate for Work?

Yes … Please remember legally you can self-certify for the first 7 days of any illness. Should you require a medical certificate after 7 days', the Nurse Practitioner will liaise with the doctor and issue you with a certificate if appropriate.

Can the Nurse Practitioner refer me to hospital to see a consultant or for further investigations such as x-rays or an ultrasound?
Yes ... The Nurse Practitioner has spent time meeting and working with the consultants at Hinchingbrooke Hospital and they are happy for the Nurse Practitioner to make referrals to them. Arrangements have also been made so that the Nurse Practitioner can request X-ray and Ultrasound appointments.

There are no female GP's at the surgery today, can I see the Nurse Practitioner instead?

Yes ... The Nurse Practitioner is happy to see patients who would prefer to see a female clinician.