



## Victoria Road Medical Practice

### **Chaperones-patient information**

At Victoria Road Medical Practice we are committed to providing a safe, comfortable environment where patients and staff can be confident that best practice is being followed at all times and the safety of everyone is of paramount importance.

You can request the presence of a chaperone for any examination. A chaperone is another member of staff who will be with you inside the privacy screen at the head end of the examination couch. In a similar way your Doctor or Nurse may also offer you a chaperone although you can decline this.

The role of the chaperone in both hospital and community medicine is to protect both patients and staff from abuse or allegations of abuse and to assist patients to make an informed choice about their examinations and consultations.

A chaperone will only be present for the examination itself, and most discussion with our patients should take place after the chaperone has left the room.

Chaperones are trained to understand their responsibility not to divulge confidential information.