

PRACTICE PAGES

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LEAVERS & CHANGES to STAFF

We bid farewell to Pauline who has recently retired after many years loyal service to the Practice, both in the community and in our treatment room. She was much loved by staff and patients alike and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Sarah returns to us as a Health Care Assistant, and Naomi also joins the team as a Health Care Assistant.

We now have a team of qualified Clinical Pharmacists working alongside the GPs, they are updating hospital discharge drugs, monitoring and reviewing care homes and advising on any specialist queries around prescribing.



We are expecting Dr Hastings to return from maternity leave during the spring of 2017; in the meantime Dr Dixon and Dr Owens are covering her post. We will give more information regarding Dr Hastings return as soon as we get a firm date.

Not long after her return Dr Jackson will be going on Maternity leave – we will give more information when we have definite dates and details of who will be covering her sessions.

FLU TAKE-UP

The flu season has proved to be another very busy time in the Practice and all the staff have worked hard to ensure that eligible patients have been protected. So far only 67% of our eligible patients have received their vaccination at the Practice.

We are aware that some other patients have chosen to have their vaccination carried out at Pharmacies in the area, and as such the opportunity to administer other vaccines i.e. pneumonia and shingles may have been missed. We need to remind patients that even if you choose to have your Flu jab elsewhere, it is important to check that you have not missed other vital vaccinations. Please speak to the receptionists if in doubt.

As you will be aware the pathway and entrance at the rear of the building, mainly used by the Community Clinic, has been closed and is currently unavailable for use. This is due to ongoing insurance claims resulting from damage to the pathway caused by tree roots lifting paving slabs and making the surface unsafe for public use. We apologise for any inconvenience accessing the building during this time but everyone's safety has to be our priority. When we are closed for training there will be an alternative entrance opened for patients visiting the Community Clinic.

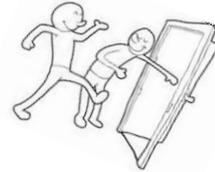
MEET THE TEAM

Julie

Julie is one of our longest serving members of staff, starting with us in 1989. During that time she has seen more changes than most in the Practice and has coped with all the challenges of an ever changing NHS.

She is an expert on the Prescription Team and also works tirelessly organising Child Health and Vaccination appointments, ensuring the good health of our youngest patients.

REFURBISHMENT WORK



WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO SECURE SOME FUNDING FROM NHS ENGLAND TO ENABLE US TO CARRY OUT SOME REFURBISHMENT WORK THROUGHOUT THE SURGERY. THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- NEW SINKS IN ALL CONSULTING ROOMS;
- NEW TOILETS IN PUBLIC AREAS;
- NEW ELECTRIC DOORS AT BOTH THE FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCES;
- NEW SEATING IN THE WAITING AREA;

THE WORK COMMENCED ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF MARCH.

DURING THIS TIME THERE MAY BE SOME DISRUPTION, ALTHOUGH WE WILL OBVIOUSLY STRIVE TO KEEP THIS TO A MINIMUM AND WE ASK YOU TO BEAR WITH US WHILE WE ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR SURGERY.

Dates for your diary:

- Feb 2nd – Time to Talk Day <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/timetotalkday>
- Feb 4th – World Cancer Day <http://www.worldcancerday.org>
- Feb 27th – Eating Disorders Awareness Week <https://www.b-eat.co.uk>
- March – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month <http://www.targetovariancancer.org.uk>
and Prostate Cancer UK Month <http://prostatecanceruk.org>
- March 8th – National No Smoking Day <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou>
- March 26th – Purple Day – Help bring Epilepsy out of the shadows <https://www.epilepsy.org.uk>
- April – Bowel Cancer Awareness Month <https://www.beatingbowelcancer.org>
- April 10th – Parkinson's Awareness Week <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk>

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