



## Vaccinations

### Flu

Our flu immunisation campaign will start this September where eligible patients can have their free flu vaccination. Your doctor advises that it is really important that all those patients who are eligible, over 65's, those in 'at risk' groups and young children aged 2 or 3 on the 31st August 2017 have the vaccine. While the weather is mild and we have been lucky again this year with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures, now is the time to get your vaccination before the weather turns. Please ring the Surgery and book your appointment as soon as possible as vaccinations may be limited later in the year. We will again run clinics on some Saturday mornings at the end of September and into October/November.

With regards to who we can vaccinate, we have been given strict guidelines from the Department of Health for the children's influenza vaccinations and only those children who are 2 or 3 on the 31st August 2017 will be eligible at this time. This is in addition to those considered in an at-risk group. The children's vaccination will be administered via a nasal spray and not an injection, providing this is suitable for your child. Invitations for this will be going out soon.

### Shingles

This year everyone aged 70, or was born after 1<sup>st</sup> September 1942 who has not already had the shingles vaccine will be offered it. Anyone who was 78 or 79 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and not already been vaccinated will also be eligible. This free vaccination can help to prevent shingles, or at least to reduce the severity of symptoms and complications afterwards. You will be able to have this at the same time as your flu vaccine if you wish. If you have already had this vaccination in a previous year you should not need another, so only those patients within those age brackets who have not already had the vaccination will be eligible.

### Pneumonia

If you are aged 65 or over and haven't already had the Pneumococcal vaccination you are entitled to this free, at the Surgery. Please book your appointment at the same time as you are having your flu vaccine.

If you are unsure whether you qualify for a free vaccine, please ask at the Surgery.

## Appointments, we need your help.



The Practice is fully aware of the issues some patients have had trying to book appointments with a GP. Unfortunately nearly all surgeries are having the same issues and there appears to never be enough appointments for all the patients who ring up each day. We have tried to help by increasing the number of GP sessions we put on every week and are pleased to announce that with effect from the middle of July we have increased the number of clinics by 5 a week, in comparison with the end of March. Please be aware we are doing our best to see you but, you can help too by considering whether your appointment is necessary. Could your issue be dealt with by the Pharmacist, or for minor issues, giving your condition a few days to see if it clears up itself? GP appointments are a precious resource and we need to use them wisely.



### **New seating in the Waiting Room**

Our Patient Participation Group, who work on your behalf, advised us that they felt our waiting room chairs needed replacing and that we needed a few chairs with arms on to assist some patients when getting up. We listened to their request and have upgraded the seating, including adding a few chairs with arms. We do value the work the group do for us and if you would be interested in joining them please let one of our team know or you can email them direct at

[wetmoreppg@outlook.com](mailto:wetmoreppg@outlook.com)

### **Doctors running late.**

In our last newsletter we wrote about some of the reasons our doctors are running late. We are very sorry to keep you waiting and it is never our intention to do so. Besides now dealing with more complicated cases we are finding that patients are now asking for more than 1 problem to be dealt with during a 10 minute consultation, on some occasions we have been asked to look at 5 separate issues. We understand that some patients have struggled to get in, hence having more than one issue but if you do have an additional problem to discuss please tell the Receptionist so that time can be allotted accordingly. This will help other patients.

### **Burton/Derby Collaboration**

As you may be aware there is ongoing work between both Burton and Derby Hospital concerning a proposed merger. There is a patient questionnaire currently being circulated which will help get patients views across about this possible merger and both we and our patient group feel it is important you have a chance to have your say. There will be some questionnaires available in the Surgery which you can complete and hand back to us, but also can be found and completed on the Burton and Derby Collaboration website: <http://www.burtonderbycollaboration.co.uk/getting-involved/>

The deadline for responses is by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017. After this date all feedback will be considered as the Hospitals move towards the Full Business Case.

### **Staff Changes**



Dr Louise Rhodes has joined our Practice, having completed her training in Stapenhill and fully qualifying to be a GP. Dr Rhodes will work 2 full days a week, usually Wednesday and Thursday and will help with the number of appointments that we offer. She is looking forward to working with the team here.

We also have a new GP trainee, Dr Adura who joins us from Burton Hospital and will be full time up until the start of February next year. He is an experienced Doctor, however, he will be new to a GP Surgery but have plenty of support from the team here. He will be able to provide additional appointments in addition to those of our usual GP's in the run up to Christmas.



#### **Opening Times**

Monday - Friday\*  
8.00am-6.00pm

**\*Closed Thursday lunchtime from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm, plus one afternoon per month for staff training.**

#### **Speaking to a Doctor**

If you wish to speak to any of the doctors then the best time to contact them is between 11.00 am and 12.00 pm each weekday.

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