



Wittle Surgery Newsletter

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Over 75 year olds

All patients over 75 need to be notified of their 'named GP' this is a GP who has overall responsibility for your care. This information does not stop you seeing any doctor in the practice.

Avoiding Unplanned admissions

Please be advised that we are taking in the national enhanced service which aims to reduce the amount of admissions to hospital. We are in the process of sending letters to patients whom we have identified as 'at risk' of a future unplanned admissions. The letter will include information regarding your named GP and information about the service. Your named care coordinator is Sara Faulkner our HCA.

Shingles

The Shingles vaccination is now available, we will not be routinely inviting patients in. We are to opportunistically vaccinate patients eg when they attend a flu clinic or self present. Eligible patients are those aged 70,78 or 79 on 1st September 2014, who have not previously been vaccinated. Please book an appointment with the nurse for your vaccination if you are eligible.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating Dr Sodha on the birth of her baby boy.

Dr Daniel Haroon will be covering for Dr Wood and Dr Kumar (whom some of you may already know) will be covering for Dr Sodha until she returns from maternity leave in December.

Dispensary information

We have recently reviewed our policy regarding private dispensing. Please see the posters for more information. Please note there may also be a charge for anticipatory medication for example tablets to calm you when on a plane.

Overseas patients

Please be advised that if you are visiting the surgery as an immediate and necessary patient, or as a temporary resident from another country then you are only entitled to primary care services (GP) and you cannot be referred to the hospital. You can only be treated in hospital if your condition is life threatening.

DR WOOD

We sincerely regret having to inform you all that Dr Ted Wood has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and will therefore be taking long term sick leave from the surgery, officially retiring in December 2014.

Dr Wood has been a GP Partner here for the past 20 years and will be sorely missed by his peers, staff and indeed his patients. As you can appreciate this is an extremely difficult time for Dr Wood and his family, but we are sure you will join us in sending them all strength and support at this very sad time.

Patient petition

Please see our notice board regarding a national petition we are supporting. In General practice we receive only 8.39 % of the NHS budget, yet we see 90% of all patient contact. Please take the time to read the information displayed and sign our petition located on the reception desk.

DISPENSARY OPENING HOURS

EVERY DAY 8.30AM-6.00PM

CLOSED BETWEEN 12-2.

We apologise but receptionists are not authorised to give out patient prescriptions whilst the dispensary is closed.

If you are unable to attend your appointment then please let us know as soon as possible, this will then allow another patient to have this appointment.