



Newbold Surgery "Virtual" Patient Participation Group



Dear PPG Member and Newbold Patient's

Welcome to the Autumn 2020 edition of the Newbold Surgery **Virtual Patient Participation Group Meeting and Newsletter**

As always, I do hope you are all fit, healthy and most of all, continue to remain safe during this second wave of the pandemic.

September sees the start of our annual flu vaccination campaign, and the pandemic means we must change the way we would usually deliver the service.

As most patients know we would usually have a cake and coffee morning over at the Hall on The Green with our wonderful PPG group kindly giving their time to raise money for MacMillan charity and practice funds with homemade cake, tombola, book and jigsaw stalls etc. We try to make our flu vaccination clinic a community event with attendance from other care agencies and emergency services. Sadly, as with lots of things this year, we have had to cancel this lovely event as we do not believe we can comply with social distancing and additional infection control measures under the current government guidelines. I know this is disappointing, but our patient and staff safety must come first.

We will be conducting flu clinics here at the surgery instead with strict timing of appointments to avoid overcrowding. This will enable us to safely vaccinate our patients who are over 65 or at risk. Many of these clinics will be on Saturday's, again to reduce footfall at peak times in the surgery. Our patients have been wonderful during this difficult time, and we would like to say thank you to everyone for your support and continued understanding whilst we navigate this pandemic together.

Last month saw our summer change over of GP Registrars. We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Dr's Ijasusi and Dr Karim and welcome Dr's Roark, Olalere and Sooriyaarachchi.

Earlier this year one of our Salaried GP's Dr Ayesha Yazdani decided to leave the practice to join a partnership with her husband in North Wingfield. Whilst we were extremely sad to see her go this opened up a vacancy which we have just filled via a recent round of interviews. Dr Damilola Ijasusi joins the practice as a salaried GP this month. We would like to say a big welcome to Dr Dami, some patients may know him already from his time here as a GP Registrar. He is well known for his big smile, friendly manner and bright socks!

There is very little in our practice update this virtual meeting. Our time is currently taken up with the ever-changing guidance for the pandemic and the implementation of the covid vaccination programme at Stubby and Walton which many of us are helping with. It is very busy and stressful in general practice at the moment, but we are doing our very best to ensure we are providing a safe and accessible service to our patients. We believe we are the only practice in Chesterfield that has kept it's doors open and continued to see patients face to face. Again we have only been able to achieve this with your help wearing masks, sanitising hands and even staying in your car till we could safely get to you.



Some PPG members suggested that to save Practice Manager time, (which is very thoughtful and much appreciated) the virtual meeting/newsletters be updated quarterly so the next one will be a Winter Update in December. Please let me have any suggestions of what you would like me to include. These can either be emailed via Sue Jenkinson, PPG Secretary, you can call the surgery and leave me a message or drop me something in when you are passing. I will do my best to accommodate any questions you have or to include any topics you would find of interest.

Well that's all we have for this meeting, please continue to support us and send in any suggestions for consideration or improvement.

Don't forget to book an appointment for your flu vaccination and covid vaccination if you haven't already done so. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Take Care

From Rachael Carrington
(Practice Manager)
and all the team at Newbold

