

Bridge Surgery Newsletter

December 2016



Birthday Reviews



We understand that it is increasingly difficult for patients to know when their medications need reviewing. Many patients are on multiple medications, often for multiple conditions.

In an attempt to simplify things, we would like to suggest that your annual medication review will be in the month of your birthday.

We will be gradually moving medication review dates to our patients birthday months unless their condition and wellbeing requires a different date. The same will apply with some nurse led reviews such as those for asthma and diabetes. Please feel free to discuss this with your GP when you see them if you have any concerns about this, but it is hoped that it will simplify things for our patients and also help ensure that everybody is reviewed in a timely manner.

Breast Screening

From November our female patients who are aged 50 to 70 are being invited for breast screening. Women over the age of 70 are still eligible to be screened and can arrange this by contacting the South Staffordshire Breast Screening Service on 01785 886777.

The NHS Breast Screening Programme screens around 1.6 million women a year, with over 17,000 ladies being invited from the Stafford and surrounds area. Ladies will be invited to the mobile unit which is located outside Burton Breast Care Unit at Queens Hospital.

Find out more information about local screening by visiting: www.bscren.org.uk/southstaffordshire or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthStaffordshireBreastScreeningService>

Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

We went live with the electronic prescription service on 11th October 2016. If you have a nominated pharmacy set up, most prescriptions are now being sent electronically from the surgery directly to the pharmacy.

Please note prescriptions are available for collection at the pharmacy 48 hours (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays) from receipt of your order. Please see your chosen pharmacy to 'nominate' them and remember you still need to order your medication (or arrange with your pharmacy to do this on your behalf.)

Christmas Opening Times

We are open as normal on the working days over the Christmas period. Full details are overleaf. If you require urgent medical assistance which cannot wait until the surgery re-opens dial 111.

GP Trainee News

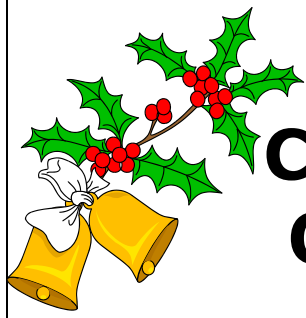
Welcome to Dr Turner, our new part-time GP Trainee who joined us in November for a 15 month placement. Dr Turner joins our other GP Trainee, Dr Khan, who is on placement until July 2017.

Online Services

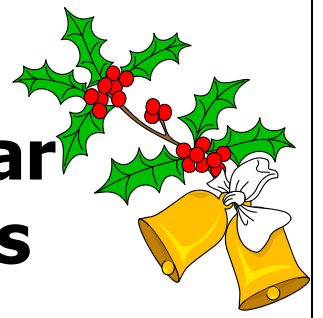
Do you have trouble getting through on the phone first thing in the morning? Would you like to make your next GP appointment, order your repeat prescription or look at a summary or a 'detailed coded' version of your medical records online?

Pre-bookable and on-the-day GP appointments are available to book online with the on-the-day appointments released at 8.00am.

Please pick up an information leaflet and application form available from reception or on www.bridgesurgery.net.



Bridge Surgery Christmas and New Year Opening Arrangements



Fri 23rd December 2016 – OPEN AS NORMAL

Sat 24th December 2016 – CLOSED

Sun 25th December 2016 – CLOSED

Mon 26th December 2016 – CLOSED

Tues 27th December 2016 – CLOSED

Wed 28th December 2016 – OPEN AS NORMAL

Thurs 29th December 2016 – OPEN AS NORMAL

Fri 30th December 2016 – OPEN AS NORMAL

Sat 31st December 2016 – CLOSED

Sun 1st January 2017 – CLOSED

Monday 2nd January 2017 – CLOSED

Tues 3rd January 2017 – OPEN AS NORMAL

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