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Latest Practice News

Dr D Andrews

The practice says goodbye to Dr Andrews who has retired after 34 years. Patients under Dr Andrews's list have been reallocated to other GPs within the practice and all have a named accountable GP. We wish Dr Andrews all the best for the future and thank him for all the dedication, commitment and care he has given to the patients.

Baby News

Congratulations to both Dr Hogarth and Debbie (Senior Receptionist) who have both given birth to healthy baby boys. We look forward to seeing them both back in practice later in the year. Dr Moosa is providing Locum GP maternity cover until December 2016.

PRG Patient Survey Results

The results of our Patient Reference Group Survey are now available and can be located on our website and are also displayed on the PRG Noticeboard. Thank you to all the patients who completed the questionnaires which were randomly handed out during the weeks of 6 and 13 March 16.

Over 75's Screening

The GPs and Nursing Team routinely check the over 75's in the course of their daily work. However, if you have not been seen by us within the last year please contact our reception on 01254 226691 who will be happy to make an appointment for you. Blood tests should be taken first in order that these can be reviewed by the GP prior to your appointment and you will be asked to bring an early morning urine sample to the appointment.

NHS Health Checks 35 -74 year olds

If you are aged between the ages of 35 and 74 without a pre-existing condition you can be invited in for a free NHS Health Check. As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing high blood pressure, heart disease or type 2 diabetes. The NHS Health Check can spot early signs and help prevent these from happening to you. Blood tests should be taken first and the results of these will be reviewed by your GP prior to your appointment.

Once you have had your NHS Health Check, a member of our nursing team will discuss your results with you. You will be given advice and support to help you lower your risk and maintain or improve your vascular health. Please contact our reception on 01254 226691 or email <u>darwen.healthcare@nhs.net</u> to book a convenient appointment.

Darwen Healthcare GPs and Nurse Practitioner Clinics

We have 8 GPs working within the practice but not all of them work every day and therefore we thought our patients would find it useful to know what days they all work.

GP /NP Name	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dr C Dalton	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Not In	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Friday AM Friday PM
Dr R Sudell	Monday AM Monday PM	Not In	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Friday AM Friday PM
Dr M Ninan	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Not In	Friday AM
Dr P Morris	Not In	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Not In	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Friday AM
Dr C Clayton	2 Monday Evening Clinics	Tuesday AM	Not In	Not In	Friday AM
Dr M Umer	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Not In	Friday AM Friday PM
Dr J Killalea	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Not In	Not In
Dr Hogarth Currently on Maternity Leave	Monday AM Monday PM	Not In	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Not In	Not In
Dr M Moosa	Not In	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Not In	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Not In
Debbie Yates Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Friday AM
Julia Mullaney Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Monday AM Monday PM	Tuesday AM Tuesday PM	Wednesday AM Wednesday PM	Thursday AM Thursday PM	Friday AM Friday PM
Lyndsay Adamson Nurse Practitioner	Monday PM	Tuesday PM			Friday PM

Our Nurse Practitioners are very well qualified and are able to see patients with undiagnosed problems, make assessments of their healthcare needs, are prescribing nurses therefore can issue prescriptions and can refer onto secondary care if needed.