**Drs Jeyam & Jesudas Autumn Newsletter 2022**

**COVID19 Vaccination Update:**

The vaccination programme is delivered nationally or locally. Nationally, this is being done by NHS England and patient who are eligible will receive a letter informing them that they can now book their vaccination. Patients can book a vaccination at one of the national centres on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or can ring 119. **Locally**, the practice’s vaccination programme is being held at various Walk-in centres across Bolton [Walk-in Covid vaccination clinics | Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership (gmintegratedcare.org.uk)](https://gmintegratedcare.org.uk/find-a-service/walk-in-covid-vaccination-clinics/). Any appointment queries at the national centres, please ring 119.

**COVID Boosters:** All eligible patients will be contacted on our behalf by the GP Federation, they are also doing our home visit boosters.

**FLU +65 & At Risk groups:**

Our flu clinics are being set up and some of you may have already received an invite – we are prioritising +65 years, 18-64 year olds with chronic diseases, learning disability, weak immune system, morbidly obese, front line staff, pregnant women & carers.

**Our clinics so far are Sat 24/9/22 / Fri 30/9/22 / Thurs 6/10/22 / Thurs 13/10/22**

If you would like to book an appointment, please ask at reception. If you do not want to have a flu injection, please inform reception so we can update your records.

**FLU 50-64 year old:**

If you are aged between 50-64 with no medical health issues you will be eligible for the flu vaccine after 15/10/22 which you can get at a local pharmacy or here at the surgery once we have done our At Risk groups.

**Pneumococcal & Shingles Vaccinations:**

If you are over 65 or in a certain ‘at risk’ group, you may be offered a Pneumococcal vaccination when you attend for your flu vaccination.

If you are aged between 70-80 you are eligible for a Shingles vaccination, we will be inviting this group soon.

**Doctors**

Dr Kathuria has returned from her maternity leave and our current Registrars are Dr Murphy & Dr Javed.

Our new trainees joined us in August, they are Dr Watson, Dr Bridgemohan & Dr Fligg.

**Appointments**

We are offering face 2 face and telephone appointments. You will be asked the reason for your appointment – this is so admin can make sure you are booked in with the correct medical professional.

If you cannot make your appointment – it is important you let us know as soon as possible so it will become available for somebody else who may need it.

**Baby imms/Preschool imms**

Child Health are no longer sending appointments out for your child’s immunisations. You will now be contacted by the surgery who will book an appointment to suit yourself. It is important that you keep these appointments, however if you cannot make it, please contact the surgery and rearrange it.

**Medical Students**

Being a training practice we sometimes have 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th year medical students sitting in with the clinicians. It is a good learning experience for them to be here. If for any reason you do not want them sitting in when you attend your appointment, please let us know.

**PPG (Patient Participation Group)**

We are hoping to start this group up again so if you are interested please inform reception. We will contact the existing members to see if they still wish to be involved.



**Contact Details**

It is important that you let us know if you change address contact details.