  

**Henley-in-Arden Medical Centre**

**Staff update**

August saw us welcome 2 new GP registrars to our team, Dr Adam Griffiths and Dr Gbenga Periola.

Dr Griffiths will be with the practice for 12 months whilst he completes his final 12 months of speciality training and Dr Periola will be with the practice for 6 months whilst he completes a 6 month rotation during his 2nd year of speciality training.

Dr Mughal completed his final year of training with us in August and has now moved on to pastures new.

**Flu vaccinations – Appointment bookings now being taken**

Patients eligible to receive a free flu vaccination include: all patients 50 years and over (including those becoming age 50 by 31 March 2022), those with chronic lung disease, chronic heart disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease, diabetes, those who are immunosuppressed due to disease or treatments, pregnant women, the morbidly obese, people in long stay residential homes, carers and health and household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, frontline health and social care worker.

All patients eligible to receive a flu vaccination will receive an individual invitation to book an appointment.

Unfortunately, just as were embarking on the recall process, we received notification from our vaccine suppliers advising us that there is an unavoidable delay in their delivery schedule and they advised us to delay our clinics. This has led to a huge degree of uncertainty for us and our patients. We have had to now received advice on our first delivery but it is of a reduced quantity. We can only apologise for this but it is due to circumstances out of our control and affecting practices across England.

**Childhood flu immunisations**

Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2021 – that is, children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2019 along with children aged 2 to 17 with long-term

**Blood collection tubes – National Supply Disruption**

Recently there has been a global shortage of some equipment used for taking blood tests.

Anyone who needed a test for urgent health problems could still get one, but routine tests all had to be postponed.

We have now received updated information that this matter has been resolved and supplies are now available so we are able to resume our normal service.

**COVID-19 Booster Vaccinations**

You may have received a text from the NHS national booking service to book your Covid-19 booster vaccination.

Please be assured your local vaccination team will be providing this service and will be in touch very soon so there is no need to contact your GP practice. The South Warwickshire GP Federation will be running the local COVID vaccination centre in Studley similar to earlier in the year.

And don’t forget your booster will only be given six months after your second dose.

**Services**

We want to reassure patients that we remain here for them. We have all of the team working in a COVID safe environment to ensure that the care and safety of both staff and patients is protected at all times. Patients continue to be offered a telephone consultation with a GP in the first instance, but should the GP decide a face to face appointment is needed it will always be arranged.

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