Henley-in-Arden Medical Centre

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Newsletter

The PPG consists of a group of patients who work to try and improve communication between patients and the Medical Centre staff. We meet four times a year but can also raise any patient issues or concerns at any time.

Winter Covid and Flu Vaccination Program

This year's Winter Covid program is open to all patients who are:

- Residents in care homes for older patients
- All adults 75 and over
- Persons who are aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

The Winter Flu program is open to all patients who are:

- aged 65 or over
- have certain long-term health conditions
- are pregnant
- live in a care home
- are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance
- live with someone who has a weakened immune system
- children aged 2-3
- school-aged children (Reception to Year 11)
- children aged 6 months to 17 years with certain long-term health conditions

Henley Medical Centre will be holding two Saturday morning Vaccination Clinics from 08.30 – 13.00 on 4th and 18th October. There will be other clinics held during normal surgery hours. Appointments are now available to book into. Eligible patients will receive an invitation to book an appointment, and this may be via a text containing a self-book link. Please feel confident to use this link as it the easiest way to book.

NHS App Training

Members of the PPG attended a training session in August at the Medical Centre to allow them to demonstrate to patients how to start using the NHS App, or, for those already logged on, to get the most out of the App. In the Autumn members of the PPG will be in the Waiting Room to support any patients who may need some assistance – **PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE**

Vaccinations – who can have them

If you or your child are eligible for a vaccine but for some reason you missed it, why not ring the medical centre or check your medical record online using the NHS App. If you have to contact the medical centre for any reason, and you haven't had a specific injection they will remind you. Typically, the vaccinations you or your child should have had include:

MMR Vaccine – 3 years and 4 months
HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – 12 to 13 years
Td/IPV (tetanus, Diphtheria, polio) 3-in-1 teenage booster – 14 years
MenACWY (Meningitis, Sepsis) – 14 years
Shingles – 70-79 years
RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus – 75-79 years

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