

Gosford Hill Medical Centre



News Letter

Summer 2024

WELCOME

Welcome to the Gosford Hill Medical Centre newsletter. The practice has made a few changes and we hope to keep you up to date with these improvements and welcome any feedback from you with regards to improvements and anything else mentioned in this newsletter.



WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new FY doctors, Dr

Hettie Davies and Dr Hoda Hamod , for their 4 month attachment and to , Dr Noor Abid who will be completing her training to become a GP over 15 months. They will be joining us in August.

NEW STAFF

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed a new member to our Patient Services Adviser (PSA) team, Keziah Panicker and will soon be welcoming Samina Tariq once the recruitment process is finalised

NEW NETWORK STAFF

Our local network of practices (known as KIWY PCN) has now employed a new Primary Care Network Manager,

NicolaPutt, who'll be working across the 4 practices

STAFF CHANGES

We are pleased to announce that Catherine Bryant has assumed the role of Patient Services Team Manager and Janet Collett will be her deputy.

Sharron Mullard one of our Patient Services team has now undertaken the relevant training and has joined our Health Care Assistant Team

WHAT'S NEW?

Respiratory syncytial virus RSV vaccination

What is RSV? It is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. This vaccination will be available for patients aged 75 -79 on 1st Sep 24. Almost all older adults will have had several RSV infections during their life. A single dose of vaccine will help to boost protection as you reach an age group at highest risk of serious RSV infection. It will also be available to pregnant women. We will be running clinics in September.

AUTUMN COVID & FLU VACCINATIONS

Once again in October we will be inviting patients in the groups below for their flu vaccination

Clinical at risk groups
Over 65 years old

Carer
Pregnant
Social and healthcare workers
Chronic liver disease
Chronic respiratory disease
Immunosuppressed
Chronic neurological disease
Morbid obesity BMI>40
Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Chronic kidney disease
Diabetes

There will also be another covid booster vaccination however it has not yet been announced which groups will be eligible for the vaccination.

SHINGLES VACCINATION

A quick reminder to those of you that are turning 65 years or 70 years old you will become eligible for the shingles vaccination. Those patients that are 50 years old and immunosuppressed are also eligible for the vaccination. Please contact the practice to make an appointment.

NHS App – online access

www.nhs.uk/nhsapp

We encourage all patients to sign up for the NHS app to be able to view their medical record online. If you have any difficulty accessing the app please speak with one of our PSA Team who will be happy to assist you

DOCTORS SESSIONS

Our doctors sessions (see below)

Dr Wallace - Mon, Wed, Thur PM, Fri
Dr Wallard – Mon, Tue, Thur
Dr Aitken – Wed, Fri
Dr McCullins – Tue, Thur AM
Dr Rai- Mon, Tues & Thur
Dr Steinbrecher, Mon & Wed AM, Fri

Practice improvements

From 1st August 2024 we will be changing our provider for online consultations. We will be moving to Accurx in line with the other practices in our network. We hope that this will enhance the process and offer one robust and safe system of contacting the practice online (this is for non-urgent enquiries). Our website will be updated with the new link.

From 22nd July our phone lines will now be open from 0830 hours on Monday mornings and will close from 1230 – 1330 instead.

USEFUL INFORMATION

SURGERY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

For appointments and general Enquiries please call 01865 374242.
For test results please call 01865 374242 between 2pm and 6pm.

Please note that the phone lines are open until 1800 hours

Please telephone the surgery if you are unable to keep your appointment as someone else could use it – 01865 374242.

COMMUNITY TEAMS CONTACT NUMBERS

District nurses 01865 904130
Health Visitors 01865 379158

OUR PRACTICE WEBSITE

Please take a look at our website, www.gosfordhillmc.co.uk as it has recently been updated