

The Partners and Staff at Ballasalla Medical Centre are delighted to announce that

DR JUAN CORKILL

will be joining the Practice as a Partner on 15th December 2017.

Dr Corkill is Manx and is returning to the Island with his family after qualifying as a GP from the Coventry and Warwickshire training scheme in 2015.

He undertook his Foundation training at Nobles Hospital after graduating from Masaryk Medical School in Brno, Czech Republic.

Currently working in the Coventry and Rugby region he has, until accepting the post at Ballasalla, been Clinical Lead for the GP led A&E and Frailty services at UHCW NHS Trust.

He has an interest in Palliative Care and Primary-Secondary Care integration.

His wife Sofia who is also a GP and their 2 children are extremely excited about moving back to the island.

Juan and Sofia would like to take this opportunity to wish Dr Blackman a happy retirement.

We would like to thank you all for your patience while we searched for the right GP to join the practice and we hope you will join us in extending the warmest welcome to him as he joins the Ballasalla Team

NEW RECEPTION STAFF

Two new members of the reception team will be starting in January, Jan & Katie. Please say hello when you see them and bear with us whilst they are training.



QUALITY TEACHING PRACTICE



We have been awarded a GOLD AWARD for excellence in teaching Year 5 students (2016-17). Congratulations to Dr Dransfield for his hard work in spearheading this at the Practice

FLU VACCINES

“I don’t need a flu jab; I’m as fit as a flea”. “I’ve never had a flu jab and I’ve never had the flu”, “I knew someone who had a flu jab and got the flu”. We hear these mythical tales from patients every year.

Your immunity wanes as you get older so even if you have never had a day’s illness in your life, your chance of catching flu increases as time goes by. And people with chronic conditions (Asthma, diabetes, COPD, immune system deficiencies) are more likely to get flu.

The benefits outweigh the risks. The overwhelming evidence is that serious side effects are extremely rare. You are much less likely to get flu if you are immunised and flu can be fatal. “For many people it is an unpleasant illness but for the vulnerable in society...it is extremely dangerous and can be lethal” Professor Dame Sally Davies, the UK’s Chief Medical officer of Health.

We urge all our patients who are more at risk to have the flu jab. Please contact the practice to arrange your appointment.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSING TIMES

We will be closed on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th December for Christmas and Monday the 1st January 2018 for New Year.

If you need to contact the Emergency doctor service (MEDS) over the festive period, please call 823243 and listen to the answering machine message for instruction.

If you have a medical emergency, please call 999