

At the time of writing this newsletter we are seeing a worrying increase in the number of Covid infections. Fortunately, the new strains (a sub-variant of Omicron) seem less dangerous to most of our patients getting them, but highly infectious and we have already had some staff off again which causes considerable disruption. Local recommendation is that face masks are worn again in clinical environments, and I would be very grateful if patients could remember this when visiting the surgery. At present no guidance has been issued on Covid booster vaccinations for this Autumn but currently we suspect that these will not be given here at Calverton (though we will be running our usual Autumn flu clinics). We are also noticing that the practice remains very busy (even though we are in the usually quieter summer period) and pressures remain high at local hospitals and in community settings.

Other items of interest to report include support for our patients (and their carers or families) struggling with Dementia. The Alzheimer's Society is offering information and support programmes and more information can be obtained on 0333 150 3456, email Dementia.Connect@alzheimers.org.uk or visit their website alzheimers.org.uk

Also, I have been asked to remind you that our Touchscreen booking in screen is now switched on again. This sits on the wall by reception and allows you to register your arrival for a booked appointment without having to queue and speak to a receptionist. It is easy to use so please give it a try if you can.

Next, this week we have experienced some very warm weather, health alerts have been issued and if you need to read up on what to do or not to do, here is the site to go to

www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather

We have some comings and goings to report. This month we say farewell to Karen Allen from our housekeeping team & practice nurse Helen Dodds who is off to further her special interest in cardiac care. I am pleased to report that Dr Yudan Chen will be staying at the practice for the foreseeable future, and we welcome back both Dr Hannah Igoe and Dr Ruth Baker. Congratulations also to Dr Chen who recently got married. Finally, 2 new doctors joining us in August are Dr Salma Dastagir and Dr Sana Ali who we are looking forward to welcoming to the practice team.



Practice secretary & Carers
champion Julie Chambers with our
touch screen booking screen