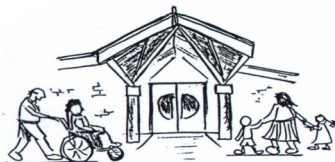


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COVID Vaccination Booster Programme

The booster programme is anticipated to run similarly to the initial COVID rollout; calling people in by age and cohort. We will work with the other Practices in our network; however it will not be run from Bridge Street Sports Centre. Alternative venues are being looked at. As soon as we have any information we will let you know.

Flu Vaccination Programme

Due to logistical issues out of our control the delivery of flu vaccines to the surgery have been delayed, despite this delay our intention in the coming weeks is to be send out invite letters to all those eligible for this years flu vaccine. This year patients 50-64 years old will be included. The clinics will run from Coronation Hall in Kingsland, Leintwardine Surgery and Orleton Village Hall over 3 Saturdays later than planned in October.

Practice News

- ◇ We welcome, Val Davies, our new Receptionist who is settling into her new role mainly at Leintwardine Surgery
- ◇ We are also pleased to say we have Dr Richard Baxter who has joined us as a regular locum
- ◇ Dr Mark Woodall has started his 4 month rotation as our first GP Registrar
- ◇ We are excited that we now have members of the mental health team in the surgery, Cordelia started with us at the end of August. Michelle will also join us in September.

PCN Initiatives

The PCN Health & Wellbeing team have recruited a wellbeing coach Alisha will begin seeing patients towards the middle of September

Our new Pharmacist, Chris, will also be with us towards the end of September. We would like to thank Stephanie for all her hard work.

National Blood Bottle Shortage

Guidance received from NHS England. All primary care and community blood testing must be halted until 17 September 2021, except for clinically urgent testing. Examples of clinically urgent testing include:

- ◆ Bloods that are required to facilitate a two week wait referral
- ◆ Bloods that are extremely overdue and/or essential for safe prescribing of medication or monitoring of conditions.
- ◆ Bloods that if taken could avoid a hospital admission or prevent an onward referral
- ◆ Those with suspected sepsis or conditions with a risk of death or disability

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to our patients.

Maintenance

Kingsland and Orleton Surgery will under go some maintenance updating including painting over the coming weeks. Most of the work will be done at week-ends to avoid disruption to surgeries.

Job Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a NVQ level 2 dispensary assistant to join our team for 22.5 hours per week. It is advertised through NHS jobs and Indeed. All enquires should be directed to fiona.harper3@nhs.net

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date and are correct. This has proven an effective way to communicate especially during the COVID Vaccination Program allowing people to instantaneously book appointments.

Please inform us immediately of any address changes so letters are not sent to the wrong address.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We are currently looking for enthusiastic members of the public to join our group to represent Orleton and Aymsetrey. The group meets once every quarter.

For more information please contact either Mrs Diane Lee, drlee52@gmail.com, Dr Rachel Voysey rvoysay@nhs.net or Mrs Fiona Harper, fiona.harper3@nhs.net

Aim of the PPG

- ◆ To participate in the health improvement of the local population
- ◆ To encourage patients to engage in their own healthcare

Your local PPG Reps

Susan Plant– Richard Castle
Mark Ferrero- Leintwardine
Brian Taylor– Eyton/Kingsland

Diane Lee– Eardisland
Gillian Lloyd—Yarpole
Susan Burke- Aymestrey Parish

Rosie Stanford– Lucton
Jeanne Wood- Ivington
Christine Moore– Lingen Parish

NHS Digital Data Gathering – Post-poned until further notice

NHS Digital are planning to access data for research to improve healthcare across the country.

It is your right to Opt out of this gathering. For more information on this or to retrieve an Opt Out form please visit our website or contact Reception.



Coming to the Surgeries

Although it feels like we are returning to normal service we still have a responsibility to our patients and staff to provide safe space to come into.

Please help us to help you by:

- ⇒ Not turning up early for face to face appointments.
- ⇒ Wear a face covering if at all possible
- ⇒ **Do not come in if you are suffering from any COVID symptoms.** Please contact 119 and book a COVID test.

Thank you