

Kingstone surgery April 2023 newsletter

Firstly, the Herefordshire ICS (yes, that new three letter acronym the Integrated care System) have asked us to share information about local health records. So...

**Introducing: the Herefordshire Shared Care record.**

We wanted to let you know that Herefordshire are connecting our systems to offer joined-up health and care records. The aim is to enable better, safer care and treatment for us all. Previously, these systems were not connected, meaning that you often had to repeat your story each time you received care at a different organisation, or with a different health professional.

The Shared Care Record means up-to-date records will be immediately available to professionals caring for you as a patient, when you need direct care. It will mean a doctor in a hospital, or a paramedic who attends a 999 call will be able to confidentially access the same crucial information that we can at the Practice, such as details of any allergies and current medications, bringing potentially life-saving benefits. It is intended to support good decision making but does not replace local records nor does it display all information held by individual provider. Robust security measures are in place to protect your health information and all staff must follow the law on keeping your information confidential.

The Shared Care Record is a LOCAL scheme, and not the same as the General Practice Data for Planning and Research Directions (GPDPR), which is a national NHS Digital initiative to use GP practice data for research and planning purposes.

For more information, please visit: [Shared Care Record :: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System \(hwics.org.uk\)](https://www.hwics.org.uk) You are also able to opt out via this link.

**Meanwhile:** We have been getting excited about **walls** here at Kingstone Surgery.

As you may know, we have always enjoyed having local artist's work on loan for our walls. In the past we used to have revolving exhibitions. If anyone would like to take on our two wall hanging spots to hang some of their work, we would be delighted to restart this tradition (which stopped with COVID). Please contact the admin team and let us know.

In the meantime, we have been filling up our noticeboards with useful more health-related information. This month is Parkinson's month, and Nurse Sonia Trickett has found lots of useful information to put on the notice board. Our yellow entrance area also now has a spot you can put useful community information. Do have a look if you are in the surgery. The Talk community hub in Madley is advertised with their café on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, as well as the Golden Valley Walking club. More 'talk community' events and links are here <https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/goldenvalleyhubs/>

If you have a local group or club you feel is good for people's health please bring a poster and ask us if we can put it up. We cannot promise we will always have space, but we will do our best.