

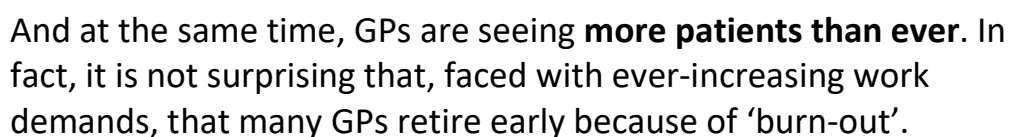


September 2024

Now summer is over, we are preparing for our next **Friends** meeting when we hope as many of you as possible are able to join us at Lilyville: **TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 5.30-7.00pm.** All Lilyville patients are welcome to these meetings – it's a chance to get to know the practice better AND to have your say in how the practice works.

You may have heard in the news over the summer that GPs were balloted in June about taking collective action over their underfunded and overstretched contract – with a resounding YES as the outcome. At Lilyville, GPs decided that the action they would take was to reduce the availability of PATCHES – so it is now not available to patients from 12.30-1.30pm. (There is a notice about this on the Lilyville website - <https://www.lilyvilleatparsonsgreen.nhs.uk/about-us/news/>)

This is a very limited action (and there is nowhere in the country where GPs are on strike) – **GPs are very reluctant to take action that will affect patients.** But, as the British Medical Association leaders argue, this industrial action is about ‘safety, security and hope’ – underfunding of GP services is damaging to patients. We need to remember that only 8.4% of total NHS funding is spent on primary care which is a historic low. And this is where about 90% of initial contact with the NHS is with one’s GP practice.



Despite the increasing pressures, as Dr Weston-Price told us at an earlier Friends meeting, at Lilyville 84-90% of routine appointments

Protect your baby from RSV bronchiolitis

with your RSV vaccine from week 28 of your pregnancy



Speak to your midwife, maternity service or GP practice about your RSV appointment today.

take place within 2 weeks; and triage is always done by a fully-trained GP – despite all the pressures.

JAB NEWS!

Flu jabs are already starting – flu jabs for children aged 2 or 3 as of Sept 1st, children in at-risk groups and for pregnant women. And from Oct 3rd, for patients aged 65 and over; and patients in at-risk groups including carers. Don't forget to **book an appointment** when you get the reminder. And there's also the new RSV jab to protect **older people** and **pregnant women** against the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) – if you've had a message from Lilyville or the NHS about this, please do follow up! (also see

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/rsv-vaccine/>)

We can expect the Covid jabs later in the autumn!



SUGGESTIONS BOX

If you've been to the surgery in recent months you may have noticed the Suggestions Box near the reception desk. This was suggested (!!) at a Friends of Lilyville meeting earlier this year. It is for patients, their families and carers to use – if there is something you think **might improve or help the practice** you can let the practice know by putting your suggestion in the box. Any ideas welcome!

NEXT MEETING OF FRIENDS OF LILYVILLE

Tuesday 1st October. 5.30-7.00 pm. At Lilyville.

ALL WELCOME

(Helpful if you can let the practice know if you expect to be there: phone – 020 7736 4344)

An agenda will be circulated closer to the date. But will include:

- A continued discussion on what we might think an 'effective' practice is
- An update on Access issues which we discussed 2 meetings ago
- A report on the PCN meeting from our representatives there

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON 1ST OCTOBER

Merril Hammer

Patient and Chair, Friends of Lilyville