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**Special points of interest:**

- New GP Trainee's - Dr Macrorie and Dr Martin will be with us for the next few months and now have appointments available.
- We will have 2 locum GPs in during the next few months & you may be offered an appointment to see Dr Reddy or Dr Jethwa
- If you can't attend an appointment please cancel - see the back page for current non-attendance rates.
- Meningitis ACW & Y - vaccinations currently available for patients born between 1st Sep 1997 & 31st Aug 1998. Or for patients aged up to 25 who are attending University for the first time.
- Shingles vaccinations will now be available for those patients born:  
2nd Sep 1942 - 1st Sep 1946  
&  
2nd Sep 1936 - 1st Sep 1938

## New Pharmacist

As the media has been reporting recently there is a national shortage of GPs.

This is an issue we are very much aware of, as we have been unable to employ new GPs to fill the vacancies we have.

As a practice we have been exploring new ways to free up GP time so the GPs can concentrate on the patients who really need to be seen and treated by them.

There is a new National Pilot taking place to employ Pharmacists in practice for which we have agreed to take part.

Our pharmacist's name is Mr Baz Rajpra he has been a trained pharmacist for 7 years and has had past work experience in the community and the hospital.

The role of the pharmacist in the practice is new and will develop over time but currently Baz is helping the

GPs by:

- Completing patient medication reviews in the surgery.
- Completing medication reviews for housebound patient by visiting out in the community
- Answering patient queries about medications.
- Updating medications following discharge from hospital or a visit to out-patients

- Liaising with community pharmacists and hospitals about medications.

Baz will be starting an Independent Prescribing course later in the year. Following completion he will be able to prescribe drugs for minor ailments in his own name.

In the future you may be referred to our pharmacist for help rather than a GP.



## Dr Hopper - Retirement



After 40 years as a GP Dr Hopper has announced his retirement at the end of September.

His experience and leadership has been invaluable in supporting the changes the practice has gone through over the years and he will be greatly missed.

**We wish him well and a long and happy retirement.**

## Welcome - Nurse Ella

We would like to welcome Nurse Ella Patrick to the team.

Ella now has appointments available for patients who need:

- ◆ Epilepsy Health Check
- ◆ Heart Disease Health Check
- ◆ Health Checks for Stroke or TIA
- ◆ Hypertension Health Checks
- ◆ Chronic Kidney Disease Health Checks
- ◆ Health Checks for Peripheral Arterial Disease
- ◆ Mental Health & Learning Disability Health Checks
- ◆ Travel Vaccinations
- ◆ Vitamin B12 injections
- ◆ Prostate Injections
- ◆ Other injections (excluding childhood vaccinations)
- ◆ NHS Health Checks
- ◆ Diet and weight advice (including referrals to Weight Watchers)
- ◆ Medication Reviews
- ◆ Wound care or dressings



We have recently developed a new website the address is the same but if you have never visited our website before you can find us at

[www.fieldhousemedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.fieldhousemedicalcentre.nhs.uk)

If you would like to comment on the website or have any ideas about how we could improve the content please contact us, our e-mail address is [nel.b81031@nhs.net](mailto:nel.b81031@nhs.net).

## New Referrals to the Hospital

Waiting times for new referrals at the hospital are on the rise.

The standard documentation we print from the national referral system still indicates that you should contact the practice within a few weeks if you have not received an appointment.

Unfortunately we have no control over this documentation and cannot update the information to reflect the true waiting times for an appointment.

If you have been referred to the hospital please be patient you will receive an appointment.

If you have not received an appointment for an 'urgent or 2 week wait referral' within 2 weeks then please contact the secretaries at the practice so they can chase this up for you.

The relevant appointments department at the hospital will also be able to confirm your referral has been received and how long the wait may be.

The switchboard number for Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital is 01472 847111.

***You only need to book a follow up appointment with GP to chase a referral if your condition worsens significantly.***

**Private Referrals - due to the increase in waiting times for NHS appointments we have seen an increase in requests for private referrals.**

**Please remember that unless your GP has agreed to refer you, you still need to see your GP for a referral letter prior to seeing a consultant privately (unless the hospital have informed you they don't require a letter).**

## Influenza Vaccinations

We are expecting the new seasons influenza vaccines in towards the end of September.

### Saturday Drop-In Clinics

8th October 2016  
22nd October 2016  
8.30am - 1.30pm



If you fall within one of the following at risk groups you are welcome to attend one of the Saturday flu drop-in sessions, alternatively the influenza vaccination will be available in the practice, please phone for details towards the end of September.

Who should consider having a flu vaccination?

- Aged 65 years or over (as at 31st March 2017)
- Living in a residential or nursing home
- The main carer of an older or disabled person
- A household contact of an immunocompromised person
- A frontline health or social care worker.
- If you are pregnant
- A heart problem
- Chronic chest or breathing difficulties including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma
- Kidney disease
- Lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as steroid medication or cancer treatment)
- Liver disease
- You've had a stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- Diabetes
- A neurological condition (such as MS, cerebral palsy or learning disability)

Children aged from 6 months of age who have one of the conditions listed above should have a flu vaccination. For most children, the vaccine will be given as a spray in each nostril. This is a very quick and painless procedure.

All children born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August will be vaccinated at school.

Those children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2014 will be offered the vaccination at the surgery and are welcome at the Saturday flu clinics.

If you would like more information about the influenza vaccination please pop into the surgery and pick up a leaflet from mid September or visit [www.nhs.uk/flu-jab](http://www.nhs.uk/flu-jab)



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## July Consultations

To help make you aware of how many contacts and encounters take place with clinical staff each month we will be posting the following useful statistics each month:

- Number of patients registered
- Number of surgery consultations
- Number of telephone consultations
- Number of home visits
- Number of referrals

We will also include the numbers of patients who missed their booked appointments which we hope will highlight the number of wasted appointments.

You will be able to find future posts on the new website or on the TV call-in screens in the waiting room.

Number of patients registered with the practice	14013
Number of GP in Surgery Consultations	2146
Number of GP Telephone Consultations	12
Number of GP Home Visits	4
Number of Practice Nursing in Surgery Consultations	1524
Number of Practice Nursing Telephone Consultations (Includes Triage Calls)	1411
Number of Practice Nursing Home Visits	22
Number of Health Care Assistant Consultations	1222
Number of Mental Health Nursing / Counselling Consultations	107
Number of Surgery Pharmacist Consultations	20
Number of patients who didn't attend an appointment	307
Number of Referrals to the Hospital	201

