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## Surgery News

### Leavers and joiners

Since our last newsletter there have been some comings and goings of our clinical staff.

Dr Brazier left after many years service as a Partner in the Practice and will be missed by patients and staff. He decided that he wanted to pursue some other medical challenges and has returned to the RAF.

Dr Murphy has also decided to make a change and we wish her well.

We are really pleased to welcome Dr Kamal who started with us at the beginning of August. He has joined us to replace Dr Brazier and will be working on a full time basis.

We also have a new nurse, Charlie, who has joined us following her time in a hospital role. She started at the end of August and will be working 2 days a week.

## Friends of Parkwood Surgery (FOPWS)

Dear All

Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly Newsletter. It has been a busy summer for your patient group.

### Educational Talks

We have held four health related talks at the Surgery, all of which have been well attended and well received by the respective audiences. We have two more talks arranged for this year; the first being about 'Aches and Pains' on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and the last on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October about 'The Menopause'. If you are interested in attending either or both of these talks please remember to register your interest by sending an email to our email address, [friendsofparkwooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofparkwooddrive@gmail.com). This helps us to gauge the numbers who wish to attend and allows us to make alternative arrangements if the numbers exceed the capacity of the Surgery premises.

We are already planning talks for 2020 and have over forty topics already suggested! But if there is a particular subject that you would like us to cover, then please contact us by talking to a Committee Member at one of our talks, through our Facebook and Twitter pages, or leave a message at reception at any of the Practice's surgeries.

### Flu Clinics

As in previous years our committee members will be present at all of the Saturday clinics at the Surgery. We will be looking to renew current members registrations and recruit new members. We will be handing out leaflets explaining our role with the Practice and also a list of activities that we are linked to that you might find interesting and help with your fitness.

### Knit and Natter

FOPWS are looking to run a Knitting and Natter group on a Tuesday afternoon and if you are interested in attending give Val Day a call on 01442 255 449.

### Partners

Dr T Fernandes

Dr S Stier

Dr H Antscherl

Dr G Solomons

Dr H Shakir

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Dr M Nicholas

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Dr J Johnson-Ferguson

Dr T Darku

Dr A Kamal

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Miss S Zaheer

### Paramedic

Mr David Owen

### Pharmacist

Mrs Purvi Shah

### Practice Nurses

Clare Jones

Elaine Whittaker

Kerry Farmer

Charlie Rooney

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### Practice Manager

Mr C Neal

### Assistant Practice Manager

Miss K Day

### Deputy Managers

Miss S Wartnaby

Mrs S Conway





# Flu Vaccinations 2019

Dear Patients

We thought that last year's problem with the late delivery of vaccinations made arranging the flu clinics difficult, but this year has been even trickier. Due to a delay in the decision as to which strains should be included in this year's vaccinations, there has been a knock on effect for the manufacturers and their delivery times have shifted, so we will again be receiving some of the vaccines later than originally planned.

There are three different vaccinations for different groups of patients. There is one for those patients aged 65 and over, one for patients aged 18 to under 65 who have a medical condition needing a flu vaccination and a nasal flu vaccination for the under 18's.

We are expecting to have the vaccines for the aged 65 and over in early September. The vaccines for the under 65s were due at the same time, but they have now been delayed until early October and the release date for the nasal flu has not been confirmed, but are expected to be released in stages from mid-October.

This means that for this year our first clinic will be for the aged 65 and over patients **ONLY** as we will not have any vaccines for the under 65s and this vaccine cannot be used for younger patients, as it is not licensed for this age group.

All patients who are eligible under the NHS rules will receive an invitation to one of the clinics below. Where possible please try to make the date and time indicated on the letter, but if two people from the same family are invited to the same clinic at different times, then just come together.

Please see the explanation as to who can come to which clinic so as not to have a wasted journey when we will not have the right vaccination available for you.

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

This clinic is **ONLY** for patients who are 65 or over. We will not have any vaccines for the under 65s or for children.

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

This clinic will be for the 65 and over who were not invited to the first clinic and some of the under 65s. We will **NOT** have any children's vaccines at this time.

## **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

This will be for the 65 and over who have not been vaccinated by this date, the remainder of the under 65s and the children needing the vaccination.

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Gadebridge 8.45 - 11.30**

This will be for the 65 and over patients still not vaccinated and the under 65' who have been invited, but not had the vaccination. There will be no child vaccinations at this clinic.

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Boxmoor 8.45 – 11.30**

This will be for the 65 and over patients still not vaccinated and the under 65s who have been invited, but not had the vaccination. There will be no child vaccinations at this clinic.

## **Housebound Patients**

Those patients who are known to the Surgery as being housebound will be visited by one of our Nurses on either 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October or 18<sup>th</sup> October and will be advised of their imminent appointment by telephone the day before.

## **Child clinics**

Provided we receive these vaccines when expected, the provisional dates for these sessions will be at various times on 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November.

If you are eligible for the flu vaccine and are coming to see one of our Doctors or Nurses, once the vaccines are received, you will be offered the vaccination at the same time, to save you time.

## **Other Providers**

There are other providers such as chemists and supermarkets offering the flu vaccine and of course you are able to use them however, we would encourage you to have your vaccine at the Surgery, as we will have access to your medical records. We have not collaborated with any other providers to help us with delivering the flu vaccines.

I know this is a long note, but with this year being different to how we have run the clinics in the past, we thought it best to clarify this and hope this does that.

Colin Neal, Practice Manager

**STAY WELL  
THIS WINTER**