PPG NEWSLETTER EASTER 2021



Practice updates:

During the pandemic, Fran, our Advanced Nurse Practitioner, and Dr Reddy have visited two local care homes to administer Covid vaccinations. Fran has also been helping at the local vaccination Centre.

The practice is pleased to say that less than 100 of our patients over 65 have not yet had their first dose of the Covid vaccine. The practice will be contacting these remaining patients to book this is within the coming days.

The NHS Locality Team are able to provide home Visits for housebound patients who are unable to get to any of the Vaccination Centres. Details about the programme and how to apply for appointments and visits are available on the Locality Team website or by phoning 119.

We are updating our phone systems (hooray!) in the summer and we hope that the new system will be more efficient for patients and the practice.

We are sorry to say that Carolynne will be retiring at the end of the month. We will miss her as I am sure you all will after her 30 years at the Lambley Lane surgery. Happy retirement to Carolynne!



All sites will be closed on the following dates over Easter: Friday 2nd April Monday 5th April



We would like to wish a warm Ivy welcome to: Dr Dolan (M) who has joined us recently and will be working across all sites. Gurpal (M) who joined us last October as a First Contact Physiotherapist. Milan (M) who joined us at the end of September last year is a clinical Pharmacist.

A message from Dr Panesar:

"Throughout the pandemic the practice has continued to deliver primary medical services alongside managing the world wide covid-19 pandemic. Although the pandemic has resulted in the need to manage high numbers of unwell patients as well as to support our hospitals with patients discharge with covid-19 and support our community teams with covid-19 hub vaccinations, the practice has continue to work hard to ensure our patients receive the very best health care. Part of this includes work on prevention and screening.

As we come towards the end of our Flu vaccination program for 2020-21 the practice has achieved remarkable vaccination rates for our patients. We were number one in our area for achieving the highest percentage of patients vaccinated and the practice vaccinated over 2800 patients over a few months. This is an amazing boost to our teams and we thank our patients for engaging with the practice to ensure as many people as possible are protected.

To date, we have not been able to undertake Covid-19 vaccinations on our sites as we had not received authorisation from NHS England and we did not have vaccine supply. We are now delighted to update our patients that we have now received authorisation to make a start and vaccine supply is anticipated to be available for the 18th of March 2021.

As such, the practice is now contacting patients to book in those that are eligible for Covid-19 vaccinations for our clinics. We anticipate running on-going clinics for as long as the practice has vaccine supply. Please do not contact our reception teams about Covid-19 vaccination appointments in order to keep our lines free for medical care. Please be assured our administration teams will be in contact with you dependent on eligibility which is set by NHS England.

Once again, we would like to say a big thank you to our patients for their support, engagement and understanding. We look forward to inviting you back into the practice soon and wish you all a happy and healthy Easter.

Together we shall get through".