

# ***The Bulletin***

***Newsletter for the Friends of Jenner House Support Group***

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## **Practice news**

**Dr Suhel Ahmed** has now left the Practice and we would like to wish him well with his future career.

August sees the commencement of our new intake of GP Registrars and we welcome:

Dr Noor Ali

She will be with the Practice until the end of January 2017

## **Seasonal Flu Vaccinations**

The Seasonal Flu Vaccination period will soon be upon us and the Practice is going to hold two Saturday sessions again this year with support of *Friends of Jenner House*.

Patients who are 65 or older on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 are eligible for vaccination, along with any patient under 65 who has any of the following: Chronic Lung Disease, Diabetes, Heart problems, Liver or Kidney Disease, Lowered Immunity, Neurological Disease or is Pregnant.

These sessions will be: "**Turn up on the Day**" with no pre-booking. However, to ensure a steady and manageable flow the following, where possible, will apply:

## **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016**

Surname commencing:

A to C — 9.00 - 10 am

D to F — 10.00 - 11.00 am

G to K — 11.00 - 12 noon

## **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016**

Surname commencing:

L to N — 9.00 - 10 am

O to S — 10.00 - 11.00 am

T to Z — 11.00 - 12 noon

*Note:* Additional clinics will be scheduled after these dates for patients unable to make either of the Saturdays.

▶▶**All two, three or four year olds** (but not less than two or aged five or over) on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 will be offered flu vaccine.

These will be given in separately arranged clinics and the vaccine is administered by a nasal spray, two doses are required and given at least 4 weeks apart.

## ***Shingles Vaccination Programme***

From 1st September 2016 the routine vaccination programme will continue for people aged **70** years old born between 2nd September 1945 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 1946). This year the catch-up programme is for people aged **78 & 79** years old (born between 2nd September 1936 – 1st September 1938). Anyone not within the above age groups are **not** eligible for the vaccination. The effectiveness of the vaccine declines with age and so is not recommended for people aged 80 years or older.

## **Appointments**

Please remember that we release **all** of the day's appointments at 8.30 in the morning for those patients who need to be seen on the same day. Please ensure you ring in the morning for an appointment on the same day. For those who require a routine appointment, you can book up to 5 weeks ahead.

## **On-Line services**

For the many patients registered for on-line services, please be aware that we now make two appointments available for each GP per day that can be booked via the on-line system.

We still have a high number of patients who make an appointment and then 'Do Not Attend'. If you DNA two consecutive appointments you will receive a letter detailing the Practice policy on missed appointments.

Patient's using the on-line appointment system, will not be eligible to use the system if they DNA an appointment.

**David Bell – Practice Manager**