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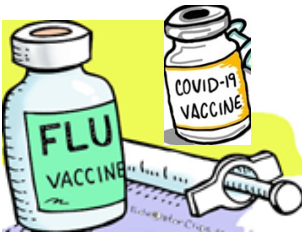
The monthly newsletter from Marden Medical Practice September 2021

New GP Registrars

We are delighted to welcome two new GP Registrars to the practice. They are Doctor Thurien Soe (Male) and Doctor Oluwakemi Odumusi (Female) and they will be with us until August 2022.



Flu Vaccination & Covid Booster Update



This year flu vaccinations and Covid-19 booster vaccinations will be delivered as a combined programme by the Shrewsbury Primary Care Network and will take place at Severn Fields Health Village for all qualifying patients. We are still awaiting Government/JVCI guidance before further planning can proceed but please note all qualifying patients will be invited to book an appointment or be contacted with an appointment for vaccinations. Please do not contact your Medical Practice as you will be contacted directly as soon as further updates are available.

Global shortage of Blood Bottles

Patients in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin are being advised that the online booking service for blood tests and routine blood tests carried out in General Practice is temporarily unavailable.



NHS England (NHSE) has requested all providers take action to reduce the use of blood bottles because of a global shortage. Anyone who needs a test for urgent health problems will still get one, but where your clinician recommends that it's safe to do so, then you may be asked to come back for a test at a later date, or your appointment may be rescheduled. Any patients affected by the decision will be contacted and informed of the action required.

Given the nature of the shortage, we cannot give an exact date for when the test will be rescheduled, but please be assured that if your condition or symptoms require it, then you will get a test, and we will be re-booking your test when supplies become more easily available.

Further information will be posted on the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), SaTH, and Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care System (ICS) websites as it becomes available.

Claire Parker, Director of Partnerships at NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG, said: "We appreciate how frustrating this is for patients, but the global

Useful Numbers

- Health Visitors 452300
- District Nurses 277709
- RSH 261000
- Family Planning 283382

Pharmacies

- Rowland's On Site
369446
- Asda 276810
- Sainsbury's 244744
- Taylor - Radbrook
249931
- Williams Co-op
344277
- Conway 352352
- Lunt's - Hereford Rd
351918
- Boots - Pride Hill
351311
- Rhodes 343998
- Boots - Cophthorne
350747
- Lloyds - Riverside
344523
- Tesco
845449
- Pharmacy Express
245715

shortage of blood bottles has meant that there is no option but to preserve our supplies of the bottles for urgent and emergency care. We thank you all in advance for your understanding during this unprecedented situation and we aim to keep patients updated on the situation.”

Shrewsbury Health & Wellbeing Hub

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG is calling on the local community to share its views on exciting proposals for a new health and wellbeing hub in Shrewsbury.



The hub will pilot a new approach to providing local health and wellbeing services that work seamlessly together to offer high quality care for the local community. The new facility, which could open in Autumn 2024, will be a fantastic resource with a range of health and wellbeing services provided by the NHS, local council, and voluntary sector organisations under one roof, in a new state-of-the-art building. A listening exercise has been launched to understand what's important to local people when they are

accessing GP services and their views on whether they think a health and wellbeing hub would be beneficial for themselves and the local community.

The listening exercise will run between Monday, 23rd August, 2021 and Sunday, 26th September 2021 and people without internet access can request a telephone interview by calling: 0121 611 0611. If you have any questions relating to the listening exercise, or would like documents in other languages and formats, please email: agem.communications@nhs.net or call: 0121 611 0611. We encourage as many patients as possible to give us their views. More information and a link to the online survey can be found on the CCG website; Shrewsbury Health and Wellbeing Hub-Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG (shropshiretelfordandwrekinccg.nhs.uk).

This is all about making sure that services meet patient needs and they are sustainable into the future. No decisions have been made yet about which general practice services might move into the hub; we will use patient feedback to inform our proposals

Friday 10 September is World Suicide Prevention Day

The past year has been unprecedented for everyone. All citizens, including the people who work in health and social care settings across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, have faced difficult challenges in their day to day lives and, for some people, these challenges have had a significant impact on their livelihoods or on the livelihoods of people they know and love. Suicide prevention is a work stream within the Integrated Care System's (ICS) Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Board and work is taking place to ensure that people know where they can get the appropriate help and support for themselves, or people who they may have concerns about.



The ICS's website is now up to date with information about support provided locally for staff working within health and care settings and members of the general public. That local offer ranges from confidential telephone support, to online support and text messaging services to ensure that everyone can access help in a way which is appropriate to them. In addition, the ICS is also encouraging all staff to complete the Zero Suicide Alliance training. The free online 30-minute training package is available to all and provides suicide risk awareness and brief intervention training.

For more information please visit the mental health section on the ICS website:
<https://stwics.org.uk/our-priorities/mental-health>

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