

The Glenfield Surgery

Patient Participation Group



Newsletter August 2016

Welcome to the August edition of the PPG Newsletter. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email each month, then either complete a form in the surgery and leave in the PPG suggestions box in the ground floor waiting room or email your request to glenfieldsurgeryppg@outlook.com

Practice News

Staffing

Dr Cooper retired on 26th July but will be returning in October part-time. Garden vouchers were presented to him from the patient collection.

Dr A Tejani and Dr S Tejani will be starting mid-August (Locums).

Dr P Smith, GPST2, joined us Wednesday 3rd August for 4 months. Dr Salt will be his Clinical Supervisor.

An advertisement has been placed for another 2 apprentices and interviews will take place in September.

Flu vaccination programme

It is hoped to start the Flu vaccination programme in September. Patients who are invited for the vaccination are strongly advised to have the vaccination at the Practice and not at their Pharmacy. This is because a number of patients have additional tests and health checks carried out which will not be done at the Pharmacies.

Blood Pressure machine installation and new arrivals system

The Blood Pressure machine has now been installed in the ground floor waiting room for patients to take their own blood pressure. As you enter the waiting room it is on your left. Instructions for use will be displayed alongside the machine. When in this area please take the time to look at the PPG notice board for news and information.

New arrivals machine – an electrician has installed the touch screens and IT will be on site shortly to connect the new system. It is beneficial for the reception staff if patients use the arrivals system, as it frees them up for other duties. If you are unsure about how to use the system, please ask reception and they will show you.

New Consulting Rooms

The new consulting rooms in the surgery will be used from next week, accommodating the locums. The new consulting rooms in Building B (the house) are not occupied at present. The assistance we are getting from the LLR Alliance to help identify using the rooms for outside organisations is likely to be many months away due to their heavy workload. If any patients know anyone who might be able to use the consulting rooms on a full or part time basis then could they ask

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them to contact Debbie Bradley at the surgery. The rooms would need to be used for medical/clinical purposes, Debbie can provide further details.

Bridge

The bridge link has now been fully completed. It has been painted and a height restriction barrier has been put in place.

Following is a short article from **Julia Eames, Strategic Planning and Commissioning Officer** regarding care accommodation for older people. If you would like to comment then there are contact points at the foot of the article.

Have your say on the proposed new adult social care accommodation strategy for older people

There are increasing numbers of older people living in accommodation that doesn't best suit their needs, either because they are lonely or isolated or because of health problems meaning the accommodation isn't very accessible due to steps and stairs, difficult to reach or use appliances or there are hazards due to difficulties with heating and maintenance.

We want to hear your views about how we can help people to plan for their later life so they can remain active and healthy living in their current home or, if relevant, consider moving in a planned way, rather than at a time of crisis, to different accommodation including specialist retirement accommodation such as extra care housing.

There are lots of things that can help such as handyman services, movement activated night lighting, home adaptations such as walk-in showers, low maintenance gardens, devices that alert someone if you have a fall or need help, financial advice and information, community activities.

Let us know your views through our online survey at; leicestershire.gov.uk/accommodation-strategy-consultation

For general enquiries or comments phone 0116 305 0232 or email ascengage@leics.gov.uk