

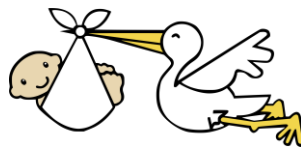


## **NEWSLETTER**

### **SUMMER 2019**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr Laura Whitehouse is currently on maternity leave and is pleased to announce the arrival of her baby. We will be utilising locum doctors to cover Dr Whitehouse's maternity leave, working primarily at the Weedon site until the end of July. From August Dr Richard Garside, who is currently completing his GP training with us, will join us until the end of December.



### **SELF CARE – “LOOKING AFTER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY”**

NHS England has recommended that medicines for minor ailments such as colds, hay fever and mild dry skin should no longer be routinely prescribed. They have advised that patients should purchase these in future, with advice from a pharmacy if needed. More info is available at [www.nhs.uk/OTCmedicines](http://www.nhs.uk/OTCmedicines).

### **NHS PRESCRIPTION CHARGES FROM APRIL 2019**

Regulations have been laid before Parliament to increase certain National Health Service charges in England from 1 April 2019. Should you need four or more items in a three month period you could save money by buying a Prescription Pre-Payment Certificate (PPC) – the cost of the PPC has been frozen for another year.

Details of the revised charges for 2019 and 2020 can be found below:

- Single charge: £9
- 3-month PPC (no change): £29.10
- 12-month PPC (no change): £104

## **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAYS OPENING HOURS**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday 23 August	Normal Hours
<b>Monday 26 August</b>	<b>CLOSED (Bank Holiday)</b>
Tuesday 27 August	Normal Hours

## **PRESCRIPTIONS**

Please order your repeat prescriptions in advance of the August Bank Holidays and allow plenty of time for your prescription to be processed.

## **EXTENDED HOURS SURGERIES**

There will be no extended hours surgeries at **Greens Norton Medical Centre** or **Weedon Surgery** when we are closed for staff training, see dates below.

## **SURGERY CLOSURE FOR STAFF TRAINING 2019**

Both **Greens Norton Medical Centre** and **Weedon Surgery** will be closed on the following Wednesday afternoons for staff training. The surgeries will close at 12.30pm.

<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 October</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 November</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>

**For urgent medical problems that cannot wait until we re-open please telephone the NHS Out-Of-Hours service on 111.**

## **IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT INFORMATION**

We are continually reviewing the amount of nursing and GP time offered to meet patients' requests for appointments. On occasions patients fail to attend their appointments and we ask that you cancel appointments that you no longer require to enable us to offer them to someone else.

The most recent attendance results are as follows:-

<b>1 April 2019 – 31 June 2019</b>	<b>Patients Attending</b>
GPs	<b>98%</b>
Nurses	<b>96%</b>

**APPOINTMENTS CAN BE CANCELLED BY CONTACTING RECEPTION OR THROUGH SYSTM ONLINE SERVICES. THANK YOU.**