

Patient Participation Group Newsletter January 2016

1. Improvement of Patient Service for 2016

Patient access to viewing GP medical records

Patient access to viewing Detailed Coded Record will be available from February 2016. When viewing their recorded Data, patients must take care in determining their interpretation of what the Data is identifying.

2. Flu Vaccination

- i. Children who are aged 2, 3 and 4 years old on 1st September 2015 - Children in this age group would be entitled to the intranasal flu vaccination administered as a 'puffer' up the nose.
- ii. Adults - Flu vaccinations are available for patients aged 65 and over, and also for other age groups in the 'at risk' categories.

Patients who have on-line access can book their flu appointments on-line. These have been available to book from September 2015.

The Flu vaccination program is coming to a closure and if any patients in either of these categories wish to have the vaccination they should contact the surgery by the end of January.

3. Shingles Vaccinations

Patients who were born on or between :

02.09.1944 to 01.09.1945
02.09.1943 to 01.09.1944
02.09.1942 to 01.09.1943
02.09.1936 to 01.09.1937
02.09.1935 to 01.09.1936

are eligible for the shingles vaccination. These are patients aged 70, 71, 72 or 78, 79 on 1st September 2015. Please contact the Surgery to arrange an appointment.

4. Pneumonia Vaccinations

Patients over the age of 65 years or in the risk group categories and wish to have the vaccination should contact the surgery.

5. DNA Appointments

Patients who are unable to attend their arranged appointment should contact the surgery in person or by telephone as soon as possible to cancel the appointment. This would free up an appointment for other patients that need one.

6. E-Med3 (fit note)

Patients should be aware that the **E-Med3** (fit note) replaces the old sick note and the HSCIC will collect data for information. If patients do not wish to have their fit note data collected, they would need to opt out in writing. If you have previously opted out of the Care.Data programme in 2014, no further action is required.

7. Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG is looking to increase its members.

Meetings are held four times a year, normally between 1.5 – 2-hour duration and are used to identify:-

- I. How the surgery is operating.
- II. Enables feedback to the surgery from member's views.
- III. Allows the practice to put forward its proposed aims and targets for the future to the group.

If you think you can assist in any way please contact the surgery.