

## Patient Newsletter – April 2022

As we enter Spring, and with COVID-19 restrictions easing and cases rising, we would like to give a brief update on the Practice:

### COVID-19 Update

Although rules for the general public have changed, healthcare workers are still required to do lateral flow tests and are not allowed to attend their place of work if they test positive for COVID-19 or live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Consequently, and over the last couple of weeks we have seen an increase in the number of staff having to isolate, and we need to take measures to prevent large-scale staff absences due to COVID-19.



Therefore, as part of our internal infection control procedures to minimise the increase in asymptomatic transmission we would kindly ask patients to only attend the Practice if absolutely necessary. If you do need an appointment with a GP we continue to offer video consultations in the first instance and, of course, will continue to offer face-to-face appointments where necessary.

Lastly, our healthcare settings still require patients to wear a face covering or visor. We thank you for your cooperation.

### Covid Spring Booster Programme

If you are aged 75 and over, or 12 years and over with a weakened immune system, you are eligible for a further COVID-19 booster vaccination if it is 6 months since your last Covid-19 vaccination.

We are offering the COVID-19 booster vaccinations at the Practice through pre-bookable clinics, and opportunistically when attending GP and Nurse appointments. We will contact you when you are due your vaccination, or you can book online through your NHS App and Patient Access.



### Staff Update

It is with great sadness that we can confirm Dr Wyatt has now left the Practice to take up a partnership opportunity. She has been an integral part of the Practice team for six years and will be missed by all.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Sadaf Shah and Dr Farida Mumuney to the Practice team.

Dr Shah will be working Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Dr Mumuney will be working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Furthermore, Dr O'Donnell and Dr Davies will be ending their 4 month placement with the Practice on Tuesday 5 April, and Dr Bor and Dr O'Reilly will start their 4 month placement from Wednesday 6 April.