**Welcome to our Newsletter**

**Staff**

**New GP Partner**

We are delighted to inform patients that Dr Vivek Patel has joined the practice as a GP partner.

**New salaried GP**

**Exciting news!** Dr Hannah Weston is joining us in August, she will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**GP Retirement**

Dr Richard Swann is going to be retiring at the end of September. We wish him all the best with his retirement.

**Practice Manager**

Katie Schofield is the new practice manager and started with the practice in December 2021.

**Birthday reviews**

**The practice is now calling patients in for a medication review during the month of their birthday.**

**This is for patients who have a long-term condition.**

**You will be asked to make a 20 min appointment with our Nurse Associate, Hazel Hayward who will carry out the review.**

**Flu and Covid Clinics**

**We will be holding clinics in October for both the flu and covid autumn booster jabs, both vaccinations will be done in the same appointment if you are eligible**.

Dates to be confirmed due to vaccination deliveries

**Practice Services**

**First Contact Physiotherapist Practitioner**

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday - they are placed at one of the two sites.

**LARC clinics – Long-Acting Reversible Contraception.** Dr. Jessica Skilling works in the practice on a Wednesday morning, offering appointments for renewal and fitting of coils and implants. Other practices in our Hillsborough network can book into this local service.

**Pharmacist**

We have a group pharmacist that works alongside the practice. They may contact you to discuss existing medications, medication changes, or to go through a medication review.

**Booking a GP appointment on the day.**

Please contact the surgery, phone lines open at 8 am. You can either request a telephone or a face-to-face appointment all subject to availability. We do also have appointment that can be booked in advance.

**If you would like to join our Patient Participation Group, please contact the surgery, and let reception know or you can email** [**SHECCG.FarLane@nhs.net**](mailto:SHECCG.FarLane@nhs.net) **with your details. The PPG met approximately 4 times per year, the meetings are held on a weekday afternoon and last around 1 hour.**

**Far Lane surgery also has a Facebook page, so please feel free to follow us as this is updated regularly.**

**Bank holiday date: Monday 29th August – don’t forget to order your medication in advance, please allow up to 72 working hours for your request to be processed.**

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