

Homestead Spring 2022



Welcome to Spring 2022 and Homestead's latest news.

Comings and goings.

On reception, Michelle has sadly left the Practice, Jenny has left for maternity leave and Sarah A is taking a period of time off, hopefully returning next year. We hope to introduce new reception staff to you soon, but we start with Evelyn, Courtney and Aysha who join Julie on the reception team.

Doctors – Dr Jyoti Korde has returned to General Practice after a period of working abroad and is here to help her return to GP Practice in this country.

Dr Wuraola Aburo is our GP Registrar – a qualified doctor in training to become a GP. Dr Emily Bix is our Foundation Year doctor.

Nurses – Abi, our Practice Nurse has left to return to District Nursing, closer to home. We wish her well. Recruitment is ongoing for her replacement. Sarah R joins for two years as a Trainee Nurse Associate.

COVID

From the 24th February, the rules in England changed.

You will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people.

You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

We ask that you still wear a mask in Practice, if you are able. We think

guidance in NHS/health and social care settings will ask for mask wearing.

Information can still be found on the gov.uk website or by phoning 119.

Flu Season

The flu vaccination programme ends at the end of March 2022 and hopefully returns in September 2022. If you still want a flu jab, please telephone 384498, option 1, as soon as possible.



Want to lose weight, eat more healthily or both. You can refer yourself to the Weight management

Service run by Wakefield Council. Please search online for Aspire Weight Management, Wakefield and complete the online form.



If you have been referred to Pinderfields / Pontefract or Dewsbury and want to chase up your appointment,

please telephone 01924 541169, option 1 for appointments and option 2 for diagnostics = scan/x-ray /MRI etc.



Face to face appointments might seem like a thing of the past, but you have always been able to see a doctor, it just means a telephone call first. Those of us working in Practice find it difficult to drag ourselves away from work!, so a phone call works well for us; but we understand telling the doctor everything and maybe then coming down wouldn't be everyone's idea of a proper service.

The doctors make approximately 126 telephone calls per day. They then bring patients down after this. They issued 135 sicknotes last month and issued 1756 prescriptions. Medical reports and forms, referrals, essential meetings, training events, reading every letters and result from your consultations with the hospital or other health organisation, along with 100's of emails, staff issues and home visits make up the other 28 hours a day!

This doesn't include figures of the nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, phlebotomist, healthcare assistants and other staffs appointments.

Also, in February 128 patients didn't attend, wasting 29.67 hours.