



STAFF NEWS

From the first week in August, our current GP trainee, Dr David MacSorley, will be finished his final year of training and become a fully qualified GP. Thankfully we don't need to say goodbye to him, as he will be staying on in the Practice as a salaried GP doing 5 sessions a week. Those sessions will start from late August, after a couple of weeks well deserved holiday.

What Dr MacSorley's progression does mean is that Bruntsfield will be getting a new GP trainee. Dr Abbey Gray has consulted for a few sessions in the Practice over the last year, but she will be with the Practice full time for her final year of GP training starting from the first week in August. You will be able to learn a little more about Dr Gray in the Autumn 2017 newsletter which will be published in late September.

I hope you will join the Practice in welcoming Dr Gray to Bruntsfield, and in congratulating Dr MacSorley for his new role with the Practice.

Dr Wands' patients should be aware that he will soon be amending his schedule by reducing his hours slightly. He will no longer be consulting on a Tuesday, but he will be in the Practice all day Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri. This change will not take effect until late September.

STAFF ONLY CAR PARK

We realise it can be frustrating for our patients who visit the Practice by car, but the car park next to the Practice is Staff Only. If you use the space of a member of the team only out on a visit, be aware you may be blocked in on their return, and if you remain beyond 6pm you may be blocked in overnight by the bollards.

PRE-SCHOOL IMMS

Parents of young children approaching 3 years 4 months will be receiving letters asking them to organise their child's pre-school booster immunisations. At Bruntsfield, the childhood immunisation schedule is organised and completed by the community staff nurses in the Health Visiting team.

This team was short staffed for a long while and unfortunately this has created a small backlog of children needing their pre-school boosters.

On behalf of the HV team, let us reassure parents of these children that while these boosters are scheduled from 3 years 4 months, your child still retains immunity from their primary course of vaccinations administered as a baby. The HV team is adding names to a waiting list for these top up vaccinations and they are working very hard to make their way through that list and will ensure your child's immunity cover is not compromised.

The pre-school booster vaccinations are given simultaneously, which requires two staff members per clinic. This is a little harder to organise and sometimes requires getting in staff members from other teams to help.

As well as that, priority for vaccinating also has to remain with the babies due their primary course of immunisations as they currently have no immunity to fight off diseases and infections.

This is not an isolated issue, and several Practices throughout Lothian are having similar problems, but the continued good health of the children is always the main concern.

Forthcoming dates for your calendar:



First Wednesday of every month
Monday 18th September

STAFF MEETING - Practice closed between 1-2pm
PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Practice closed all day

KNOW WHO TO TURN TO

The image below, and its companion website (www.knowwhototurnto.org), were produced by NHS Scotland to help patients get the right medical assistance when ill, injured or have a long term condition. Going directly to the person

with the appropriate skills is important. This can help those in need to a speedier recovery and make sure all NHS services are run efficiently.

Visit the Practice website Services menu for more information on alternatives to a GP appointment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coughs and colds• sore throat• indigestion• diarrhoea or constipation• aches and pains• help when you run out of your repeat medicine	Pharmacist (self care)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• vomiting• ear pain• sore belly• backache	GP Practitioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tooth pain• swelling to your mouth• painful or bleeding gums• injury to your mouth• advice on oral hygiene	Dentist
111	When your GP and local pharmacy are closed, and you are too ill to wait for them to re-open, call 111	NHS 24 111
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cuts and minor burns• sprains and strains• broken bones and fractures	Minor Injuries Unit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• suspected heart attack or stroke• breathing difficulties• severe bleeding	999 or A&E

Please remember to inform us if you can't keep your appointment (by phone, text or online)



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