



STAFF NEWS

As we mentioned in our Summer 2017 newsletter, we had a new GP Trainee starting in August. As it turns out, in the end we actually had two.

Dr Abigail Ordys (the now married name of the previously titled Dr Gray) is in her final year of GP training and will be with the Practice for a full year.

Dr Kristina Hunter is in her first year of GP training, and will be at Bruntsfield for 6 months, until the beginning of February 2018.

Dr Ordys (pronounced Or-diss) studied medicine at Edinburgh University, and has previous experience working at Craigmillar and Stockbridge Medical Practices as well as hospitals throughout south-east Scotland. She also spent two years working as a doctor in Sydney, Australia.



Dr Hunter is originally from Canada, coming over to the UK to study medicine at St Andrews and Cambridge. Prior to joining the Practice she worked in London with placements at Watford General Hospital and Charing Cross in a variety of disciplines including emergency medicine, geriatrics, stroke medicine and general surgery.

A quick reminder for patients of Dr Wands, that he reduced his hours slightly from the week beginning 25th September so that he will no longer be working on a Wednesday (rather than the Tuesday as

previously reported). He is still consulting all day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

You may have noticed a fresh new face working at the reception desk recently, with the addition of Jack Egan to the reception team. Jack has joined the Practice to gain some experience via the Modern Apprenticeship scheme, so please make him feel welcome at Bruntsfield.

The District Nursing team have a new Staff Nurse to take over from Anna, who left the Practice over the summer. Her name is Janet Campbell, and she is joining the team after a few years in the voluntary sector.

GP NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN SURGERY

The Practice holds an Open Surgery everyday at 11.15am (or 11.30am on Wednesdays). These are appointments made available for those who feel they need to be seen by a GP that day, and are bookable for that day only when the phone lines open at 8am.

Please be aware that these appointments are NOT booked with a specific GP, and our reception staff are not allowed to take nomination requests from patients in order to be seen by a specific GP.

All patients are asked to arrive at the start of the Open Surgery and are taken in order of their arrival at the Practice by the next available GP taking part in the surgery on that day. As with all other GP consultations, these appointments are for 10 minutes only.

Forthcoming dates for your calendar:



Wed 4th October 2017

Sat 7th October 2017

Thu 2nd November 2017

Wed 8th November 2017

Wed 6th December 2017

Staff Meeting - Practice closed between 1-2pm

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic between 9am-1pm

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic between 2-5.30pm

Staff Training - Practice closed from 12.30pm onwards

Staff Meeting - Practice closed between 1-2pm

THE BIG BRUNTSFIELD FLU BLITZ 2017-18

It's seasonal flu vaccination time again at Bruntsfield Medical Practice, and this year we are continuing with our specialised big flu vaccination clinics so patients can come and get their flu jab quickly and easily.

These clinics are being held on:

SATURDAY 7TH OCT - 9AM TO 1PM

THURSDAY 2ND NOV - 2PM TO 5.30PM

The two clinics are by appointment only, and strictly just for your flu vaccination. Patients who are also eligible for the pneumococcal vaccination can get that done at the same time, but for any other issues you must make a separate appointment during our normal working hours.

Appointments for those two clinics are available to book now and filling fast so if you are eligible to get the flu vaccination at the Practice then call us on 0131 228 6081, or come in to book your slot.

You are eligible this year if you are:

- aged 65 and over (by 31st Mar 2018)
- aged 2-5 years (as at 1st Sep 2017) and not yet at school
- aged 6 months and over with an existing medical condition such as:
 - asthma (on steroid meds)
 - other chronic respiratory diseases (such as COPD, emphysema or cystic fibrosis)
 - diabetes
 - chronic heart, lung, liver or kidney diseases
 - neurological disease (e.g. Stroke, MS)
 - lowered immunity
 - dysfunction of the spleen
- adults with a BMI > 40 kg/m²
- pregnant
- a young carer or an unpaid carer of any age

If you're not sure of your eligibility you can check our more complete listing of the criteria on our Practice website. There are also information posters up around the Practice, or you can ask at reception for a list of the eligibility rules. The list also includes details of where else you can go and pay to get the flu vaccination if it turns out you are ineligible to get it at the Practice.

We have been in touch with a lot of our eligible patients to let them know of the flu clinics, but as there are over 3,200 eligible patients currently registered with the Practice, this is a large task. If you know you're eligible, book a slot in our flu blitz clinics today, and feel good about the prospect of a flu free winter.

October 2017						
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For more information about flu and the flu vaccination, you can visit the following sites:

www.immunisationscotland.org.uk

www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/flu

CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR NEW PHONE SYSTEM

The Practice has begun the process of replacing our old telephone system with a new one that will give us far more flexibility.

We are keen to involve our patients in developing how we shape the new options available to us with the new system so as to meet patient expectation as much as possible.

If you are interested in getting involved in a patient consultation period to discuss and give your opinion on what you would like out of our telephone system, please contact the Practice on 0131 228 6081 before Fri 27th Oct 2017 and ask to speak to Kevin Kerr, our Assistant Business Manager, to express your interest.

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



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