



## *Witley and Milford Patient Participation Group*

# Newsletter September 2024

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) aims to represent the interests of patients registered with the Practice.

We meet regularly with the Doctors and Practice Manager in a non-clinical setting, they ask for our comments on new ideas, and we act, when necessary, in a constructive and supportive way.

## **Staffing Update**

Bev Giles has now stepped up into her new role as Interim Practice Manager.

Two new salaried GPs have now joined the practice. We welcome **Dr Angela Osborn** and **Dr Amy Offer** who are both very experienced GPs and a welcome addition to our clinical team.

## Covid and Flu Jabs for the Autumn...



Patients will now be able to get both their flu vaccine and covid vaccine at the surgery. For patients who are eligible we will be able to give both vaccines in a single visit. This is a step up from our usual flu only clinic – so please bear with us on the vaccination clinic days. We really appreciate the support of all our patients who choose to have their vaccinations here with us in the surgery.

Invitations for eligible patients are being sent out so please look out for your invitation if you haven't received it already.

Are you eligible for a flu vaccine? Everyone over 65 can have a flu vaccine as well as any aged patient with a long term health condition, who is pregnant, lives in a care home, lives with someone with a weakened immune system or is a carer. We will be holding some flu only clinics for those patients not also eligible for covid vaccine.

The first two clinics will be at Milford Surgery on **5th and 12th October** for those who have booked appointments. Further clinics will be held through October and November to book into.

# Collective Action

You may have heard that GPs in England have voted overwhelmingly to take collective action over the terms of the GP contract.

One of the suggestions is to cap the number of patient contacts in a day – although because of our triage process we don't need to do this as we effectively manage the demands on a day to day basis.

Many practices still operate on 10 minute GP appointments, although we have offered 15 minute appointments for some time.

We will keep you updated on the website

## Are you in a Mental Health Crisis?



You may not know that NHS 111 can advise you if you or someone you care about is in a mental health crisis.

You ring 111 and select 2 and will be put through to someone at Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust who has experience with mental health

issues or alternatively you can check out their website at [www.sabp.nhs.uk](http://www.sabp.nhs.uk).

## Contact the Practice

Online at <http://www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk>

Or

☎ Milford Crossroads Surgery 01483 414461;

☎ Witley Surgery 01428 682218



<https://en-gb.facebook.com/WitleySurgery/>

Milford and Witley Surgeries are both open from Monday – Friday between 0800-1800. Does the practice have your mobile number? If they do, they can use the texting service for reminders for you etc.

## PPG contacts

If you have any health related concerns, especially if they relate to the Practice, please contact one of us:

Julie Grist (Chair), Sheila Muller (Secretary), David Brodie, John Cable, Jo Foster, Frank Green, Peter Holton, Christine Martin, David Snoxhill, Chris Webb, Katie Wells.

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