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NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2009

Dear Patient

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Autumn has caught up with us and we have seen the first storm. Let's hope that we can get some sunny days before the winter arrives once again.

PRACTICE NURSE

As you might have noticed, nurse Joy MacGregor has now retired and nurse Ann Foster, who already worked for the practice 2 days / week, is now working for the practice full time. I am sure you will join us to wish Joy all the very best for her retirement.

DR. FRASER

Following Dr. Fraser's recent bereavement, he has now decided to return to work on a part-time basis. He will have surgeries from Monday to Friday in the mornings. His Avoch surgeries on Thursday mornings have recommenced. I am sure patients will join the staff at the surgery in thanking Dr. Colin Mackie for his assistance during Dr. Fraser's absence.

DR. MACGREGOR

Dr. MacGregor had to cancel all his surgeries due to unforeseen circumstances and is not able to take any bookings in the near future until further notice. The practice is currently working hard to ensure alternative GP cover and we are confident that patient care is not going to be compromised at any time. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

SEASONAL FLU VACCINES

The seasonal flu vaccines have arrived and the practice has started the vaccination programme similar to previous years, i.e. at-risk patients, carers, poultry workers and over 65 year old patients.

For the swine flu vaccination (H1N1) we are still awaiting clarification from the Health Board about how this will be rolled out and we will inform patients as soon as this information becomes available.

DEFIBRILLATOR

We are pleased to report that our IT Manager, Gaby Ormerod, has won a defibrillator from Williams Medical Supplies worth £1,200 for the practice. The competition was in connection with the updated guidelines for resuscitation. Although it is hoped that the appliance will not have to be used, it is good to know that it is available and could save lives in due course.

SMOKING CESSATION

As you are aware, the surgery via GPs, the Nurse and Health Care Assistant Frances Hobson provide advice and help in enabling patients to stop smoking. NHS Scotland has now provided a further facility through their Smoking Cessation Officer (Eve MacLennan). Should patients prefer to take this route, she can be contacted on tel. 01349 869 214. Eve is perfectly happy to come to the surgery to provide any assistance necessary.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS - REMINDER

Patients please note - with immediate effect the email address for the surgery (e.g. for your repeat prescription orders) is as follows:

high-uhb.gp55381-reception@nhs.net

The old address will cease to work shortly and the account will be closed. We regret any inconvenience that this change might cause, but unfortunately in that matter we had no choice as this is imposed on all practices by NHS.

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