

The Lunesdale Surgery Summer Newsletter

All Change

At the beginning of September we are fortunate to be welcoming another highly experienced GP to our team, Dr Joanna Cobley. Dr Cobley moved to the area from Brighton several years ago and has been working at the James Cochrane Practice in Kendal before coming to join our practice. She will be working 4 sessions per week.

Dr Cowling, our GP Registrar, has completed his training and has left the practice, he will shortly be taking up a permanent position as a GP in Morecambe.

The national shortage of doctors training to become GPs unfortunately means that we will not have a GP Registrar for the next year.

Dr Kaye has reduced the number of sessions he is working per week at the practice to 4 but will continue to work with NHS England. Dr Cobley will be allocated a share of Dr Kaye's registered patients and will work closely with him to ensure a smooth transfer of care.

Dr Underwood will be increasing his sessions by one per week and is also starting training to become a GP trainer.

It is all change in the dispensary too. We have recently welcomed Hollie Read to our team as an Apprentice Dispenser and in the middle of September Danni will be going on maternity leave. We wish her continued good health throughout the rest of her pregnancy.

Unfortunately at the end of September we will also be losing Sue H as she has decided to take early retirement. We will miss her and wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are currently recruiting for her replacement.

Future Dates for Your Diary

This year's Flu Clinics will be held on **27th September** and **11th October** 2016 in Kirkby Lonsdale Institute and **7th October** 2016 in Hornby Institute. These are for those patients in at risk categories and the over 65 years.

There will be also be some Monday evening sessions for patients unable to attend during the day.

More information will be available in the surgery and on the

Practice website: www.lunesdalesurgery.co.uk



Immunisations

Meningitis C Vaccination

Due to the success of the MenC programme the infant dose that is normally given at 3 months of age was removed from the childhood immunisation schedule on 1st July 2016. All children will continue to be offered a combined Hib/Men C vaccine when they reach one year of age.

Men ACWY Vaccination

Young adults are at risk of getting Men W meningococcal disease. The Men ACWY vaccine will protect against this and 3 other meningococcal groups, A C & Y. It is recommended that all first time university entrants should have the vaccine before or soon after starting university. New students are at high risk in the first weeks of term when they will come into contact with many new people of a similar age. We will be contacting young people born between 1st September 1997 and 31st August 1998 to invite them to have the vaccination. Anyone up to the age of 25 entering into higher education for the first time can have the vaccination and should enquire at the surgery.

Shingles Vaccination

From the 1st September those eligible for the vaccination are:

Patients aged 70 years on 1st September 2016

Patients aged 78 years on 1st September 2016

Letters will be sent out to patients inviting them to attend for this vaccination. This is likely to take place in October after we have finished with the flu Vaccinations.

Confidentiality in the Waiting Room

We are running a brief patient survey during August asking about your experiences of confidentiality whilst in the waiting rooms. Paper copies are available in both surgeries, please complete one and let us know what you think. All responses are anonymous.



Training Afternoons

The surgery will be closed on the following afternoons, from 1pm, to allow for staff training: Thursday 22nd September, Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 24th November.