

# NIGHTINGALE VALLEY PRACTICE

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**Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly Nightingale Valley Practice newsletter. The newsletters will keep our patients up to date with what is happening in the practice and with any national schemes. If you have any ideas for our newsletter, please contact us via our website or our Facebook page.**



## Joining the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

We have recently refreshed our website and launched our Facebook page which we hope you find useful to find out what is happening within the team and any other important information you might need to know. Keep an eye on our notice board and latest news for regular updates.

## Staff Update

We will be welcoming Dr Anne Whitehouse and Dr Faye Harrison on a permanent basis from November 2015. Dr Whitehouse will be with us on Monday's and Thursday's. Dr Harrison will be with us on Monday's, Tuesday mornings and Wednesday's.



## Seasonal Vaccinations

We now have appointments available from the end of September onwards for those eligible for NHS seasonal vaccinations. These include influenza, pneumococcal and shingles.

You can find out if you are eligible by looking at the NHS website or by talking to our practice staff. Please contact our reception to book your appointment. We will not be sending out reminder letters this year.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Nightingale Valley Practice is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 11am at Brooklea Health Centre. This will be an excellent chance to catch up with some of our staff and also to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We'd love to see you there!



## Meningitis B Vaccine

A new vaccine to prevent meningitis is being offered to babies as part of the routine NHS childhood vaccination programme. The Men B vaccine is recommended for babies aged 2 months, followed by a second dose at 4 months, and a booster at 12 months. Please contact our reception for more information or to book an appointment.

## Named GP

All patients now have a named GP; however, you are still able to book an appointment with any other GP. Please see our website or ask at reception for full details.

## Are your Records Up to Date?

Are all your records with the Surgery up to date? Do you have a new mobile number? Have you moved house? Have you got a new email account? Please let the Surgery know if there has been a change.



## Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of volunteer patients and practice staff who engage and discuss current topics to improve our services and patient experience.

We are always keen to hear from patients who would be willing to devote a little time to help the PPG. If you are interested in being part of the PPG, please complete the PPG form on our website or ask reception for a copy.

Details of events organised by the PPG will be displayed on the practice notice board in the waiting room, on our website and on Facebook. Copies of the latest PPG minutes are also available on our website.

We also have feedback cards in the surgery if you would like to provide any comments and/or recommendations about your experience.