

January 2015 newsletter from Park View Health Partnership

All of us at Park View wish you a happy, healthy 2015.

New Year, new ways

For the past few years, Park View Health Partnership has issued newsletters and run a patient group to help keep patients informed about the practice. The numbers of patients able to attend the meetings has fluctuated wildly, and the newsletters have gone out of date quickly.

From 2015, we will contact our patients by email and also post this content on the website. It will mean that we can quickly update you on changes and opportunities, and gain your feedback swiftly. You have a new contact email (patients@parkviewhealth.co.uk) which you can use for feedback, comments or suggestions.

So, now what?

As a patient at Park View, you will be kept informed of changes that affect you. Be assured that you will not be bombarded with emails, and, as ever, your details will remain secure. You have the opportunity to opt out or back in to the emails at any time, although we would encourage you to remain opted in! If you have friends or family who are also patients at Park View who may not have access to emails or the internet, please do let them know they can use the patient computer at the practice to find out what's new here.

Changes in the nursing team

Our lead nurse, Liz, and our practice nurse, Kirsty, will be joined by practice nurse Fiona Szekely in the new year. Some of you who have been with the practice for many years may recognise Fiona as she worked in Lower Church Road premises over 8 years ago. All the nursing team will now wear uniform and you will be able to differentiate between practice nurses and the Health Care Assistants in the team. We are recruiting and training more HCAs in the spring and taking on a care co-ordinator to support and signpost our more elderly patients to maintain their independence. The childhood immunisation clinic on a Tuesday morning will disappear to give parents more choice in the time and day of an appointment. This should improve the uptake of child immunisations.

Adult immunisation

If you have a birthday between 2 Sept 1943 and 1 Sept 1944 or 2 Sept 1934 to 1 Sept 1936, you are eligible for a free shingles vaccination. There are a number of clinics which are already full, but please call us to make an appointment for the next available date.

If you are over 65, you will be invited to have a pneumococcal vaccination if you haven't already had one, as it offers lifetime protection. These clinics will take place from April onwards.

Joint health awareness event with other practices in the Burgess Hill area. Please email if you are interested in helping to make this happen.