**Station Road Medical Practice**

**Winter Newsletter**

Welcome to our Winter edition of the practice newsletter.

**Staff News**

Update on our junior doctors. We welcome our new FY2 GP, Dr Farry, to the practice team this month. Dr Beveridge, our ST1 GP, will return from maternity leave in February 2025. Dr Brooks, our new ST1 GP will also join the team in February 2025.

It is crucial to protect the future of general practice by allowing junior doctors to gain more experience within the general practice setting. Our junior doctors are fully qualified doctors, who have spent time working in hospital and are now spending time in general practice.

We are delighted to congratulate Dr Noble who has now moved on to the next stage in her career. It is fantastic to see the progression of GP trainees who have been with the practice for many years.

We welcome our new Practice Nurse, Shauna Tomkinson. Shauna is available for a full range of general nursing services and is a prescriber.

We welcome a new Receptionist, Lorna, to our practice team. Lorna is currently training in all aspects of the role.

**Consultation Statistics**

During the month of November 2024, the clinicians in the practice carried out 2,905 face to face consultations and 1,649 telephone consultations.

In addition, there are multiple patient contacts throughout the day, both acute and routine, which our clinicians are dealing with.

Our telephone lines continue to be extremely busy. During November, our reception team answered 10,311 calls to the practice. Please bear with us when the phone lines are busy, particularly on a Monday morning, our team work exceptionally hard to answer as many calls as possible each day.

**Research**

CPS are currently seeking participants for a Norovirus Research Study. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please visit [www.futuremeds.co.uk](http://www.futuremeds.co.uk) and click on Winter Vomiting Bug Research Study.

Generation Scotland are also running a campaign just now, seeking participants for the nation’s largest family health study. This is open to anyone aged 12+. For more information, please visit [www.gen.scot](http://www.gen.scot)

**Website**

Remember we have a wealth of information and resources on our website. Visit our front page and click on ‘Patient Resources’.

**Facebook**

Please remember to follow the practice on Facebook for patient information in order to keep up to date with practice issues. Please note this platform will be for information sharing purposes only.

**Days We Are Closed**

The practice will be closed on Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December 2024 and Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2ndJanuary 2025. If you have an urgent matter which cannot wait during this time, please call the out-of-hours service on 111.

Please ensure you order medication in time and check turnaround times directly with your designated pharmacy.