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**Spring Newsletter**

Welcome to our Spring edition of the practice newsletter. We welcome the sunshine and lighter days.

**Staff News**

Update on our junior doctors. It has been lovely to welcome our ST3 GP, Dr Beveridge, back from maternity leave to complete her training. We are delighted to congratulate Dr Beveridge who has now moved onto the next stage in her career. Dr Beveridge has been with the practice for many years and it is great to see her progress to a GP position in a local practice.

Dr Farry, our FY2 GP, will leave the practice early April and we will welcome our new FY2, Dr Birdie Filadelfia. Dr Brooks is our ST1 GP who has settled well into the team and will remain with us until August 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.

**Consultation Statistics**

During the month of February 2025, the clinicians in the practice carried out 3,138 face to face consultations and 1,589 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 February, our reception team answered 9,979 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.

**Ayrshire & Arran Breast Service**

The breast service in Ayrshire & Arran are offering direct access to the breast clinic for patients with a self‑reported breast lump, without the need for a GP appointment first.  As long as you are not pregnant or breastfeeding and there are no signs of redness or infection, you will be offered a direct referral to the breast clinic.  Our reception team will be able to organise this for you.  This is a great new service which removes any potential delays in access.

**Spirometry Service**

The practice now has access to refer into a spirometry service for confirmation of diagnosis of COPD. Clinics are being offered for this service in Ayr and Girvan.

**Vaccinations**

The Health Board will shortly commence the Spring COVID vaccination campaign. This will run from 31stMarch to 30th June 2025. The first two weeks will be dedicated to care home residents and housebound patients and clinic dates will be scheduled from 14th April 2025 onwards.

**Endometriosis Awareness Month**

March is dedicated to raising awareness about endometriosis. For more information, please visit:

[www.nhsinform.scot/endometriosis](http://www.nhsinform.scot/endometriosis)

**Our Future Health**

Many patients will have received a letter from NHS Scotland regarding ‘Our Future Health’. This is a research campaign which is open to every adult living in the UK, including people with pre-existing health conditions. Research forms an important part in the advancement of our healthcare and by participating you will have the chance to find out more about your own health and future risk of disease. Take a look at their website for further information: [www.ourfuturehealth.org.uk](http://www.ourfuturehealth.org.uk)

**Website**

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

The Health Board have agreed our public holiday dates and protected learning afternoons for 2025 and these dates are now listed on our website.

**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 Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 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.