



Welcome to our latest edition of your Cropreddy Surgery Newsletter



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Training Closures

The Surgery will be closed on the afternoons of Thursday 16 November 2023 and Wednesday 28 February 2024 for county wide training from 1pm – 6:30pm. As usual if you need urgent care when we are closed, please ring 111 or in an emergency ring 999.

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is now optional in the surgery, although we may ask you to wear one if we are concerned your symptoms suggest Covid infection or you need a very close facial examination.



Staffing

Both Dr Cox and Dr Galt were safely delivered of their daughters and are both enjoying their maternity leave. We expect them both back in the first quarter (or so) of the new year.

We have been very lucky to secure another of our very own pharmacists through the PCN who will here Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and working with our doctors to improve our medication procedures and reviews. His name is Sunny Hunjan and he will join our present pharmacist Zenab Ali who works for us on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Pharmacists have a massive amount of knowledge that they can bring to the practice and Sunny and Zenab will be doing our medication reviews (amongst a lot of other things) going forward. We are incredibly lucky to have them both and they have already settled in and making a real difference to patient care and safety.

In Dispensary, we have been joined by Sarah Stephens who is training to become a dispenser. Welcome Sarah.

Flu Clinic

We have a monster over 65s flu clinic booked for 7th October (and again on the 14th for under 65s). **Please don't forget your appointment, as we have a limited supply of vaccines.**

Expansion needs for Cropreddy

The pressure on our workspace is ever increasing and we now find ourselves hot desking and cramming more and more staff into small areas. This naturally has an impact on privacy and also for the stress levels of our staff. We would dearly love more space but we know that this will be hard to achieve. There are various proposals but we are not expecting anything to improve in the near future. In order to be financially viable going forward and to meet the every growing needs of our patients, we need space in the surgery, which we most certainly don't have at the moment.



Your Data Matters to the NHS

You can choose whether your confidential patient information is used for research and planning.

Doctors at Cropredy Surgery:

Dr Reid – Partner
 Dr Holyoake – Partner
 Dr Galt
 Dr Cameron
 Dr Cox

Did you know:

If you are referred to MSK (musculoskeletal) this is via a third party company called Connect Health. We have to use this company for all MSK Referrals and they will triage the referral.

Photographs

If you wish to send in a medical photograph to the surgery, please call the surgery first and we will arrange to send you a link to your mobile in order for you to send the photograph directly to your medical notes.

Protected Learning Time

You will have seen that we were closed for one afternoon at the end of September and that there are two more dates coming up for PLT (Protected Learning Time). Most Practices in England have four afternoons a year where they can catch up on mandatory training and attend talks, rather than trying to squash learning into a normal working day. Oxfordshire has been a little late to the party but we are now planning practice training on these dates and PLT will become embedded into the normal surgery year. We will continue to give plenty of notice before these dates occur and we ask that you call 111 during these times.

The dates are November 16th and Wednesday 28th February and we will be shut from 1pm – 6:30pm. Please collect prescriptions in the morning or the day before as the doors will be locked.

Immunisation Update

Shingles vaccination qualification has now changed and will now be a vaccine called Shingrix (previous vaccine was Zostavax). In the past, anyone who turned 70 became eligible, right up until they turned 80 years old and the vaccine was just one injection. Now, those people who turn 65 after September 1st 2023 are eligible, However, NOT anyone who was already 65 on that date, nor people that are 66, 67, 68 or 69. Those turning 70 still qualify as before until they are 80. The new vaccine requires two injections at least 8 weeks apart (but less than 6 months).

More Training Information

The staff at Cropredy Surgery will be doing their annual basic life support training on three dates in November. Although we do this at lunchtime to minimise the impact on our patients, each session is 3 hours long and so inevitably there will be no waiting room while we get this done (7th, 15th and 23rd November).

We will put chairs in the vestibule and try and keep things going as normally as possible.

Contact Information

Please don't forget to update the surgery if you change your home or mobile number or if you move home.

It is essential that we can contact you in an emergency and that we can pass on the correct details to the hospital if you are referred to a consultant.