



River Wey Medical Practice Newsletter

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Points of Interest:

Medical Reports-

If you hand in a form or letter for the GP to complete and/or sign, please be aware that this is private work, undertaken outside of the GP's normal hours. The partners receive a high volume of private reports so please expect to be charged for the extra work and anticipate a turnaround time of a number of weeks.

Flu Jabs-

In the run up to Christmas we all spend a lot of time with friends and family in crowded areas such as parties and shopping centres, so it is important to protect yourself against flu. If you did not attend one of our September or October Flu Clinics, but would still like a vaccination, please speak to a member of reception.

Routine GP appointments are available on Saturday mornings in Farnham and Sunday mornings at Frimley Park Hospital. Routine Practice Nurse and Healthcare Assistant appointments are available Monday- Friday evenings and Saturday mornings in Farnham.

The five Farnham practices (Downing Street, Farnham Dene, The Ferns, Holly Tree and River Wey) continue to work together and will be offering routine appointments to their registered patients through NHS England's new Patient Extended Access. Four of the five Farnham practices are already established in seeing patients for their same day appointments in the Farnham Integrated Care Centre. The Extended Access appointments will give patients from all five practices the opportunity to see a doctor, nurse or healthcare assistant for a routine appointment outside the core hours of their GP practice.

The appointment with the doctor, nurse or healthcare assistant is booked through the patient's home practice reception team. However, the appointment will take place at the Farnham Integrated Care Centre based in Farnham Centre for Health. Patients are also able to book a routine GP appointment on a Sunday morning through their home practice. These appointments will take place at Frimley Park Hospital, Out-Patient 1.

New Partner Joining the Practice

Dr Sophia Le Mare MRCGP MBBS BSc (Hons) joined the practice in September. Sophia has previously worked for River Wey Medical Practice as a locum GP, but will now be working as a partner. Sophia came into medicine after a few years working in London and uses her experience in the corporate world as well as her experience as a Mum of two children in her day to day work as a GP. In her life outside general practice she can be found singing in her local village pantomime! We are sure you will join us in welcoming Sophia to the practice.



Learning Disability Friendly Practice

Inspired by the 'Dementia Friendly Practice' initiative last year, we have recently become a 'Learning Disability Friendly Practice'. The practice now has two dedicated Learning Disability Champions. The clinical lead is Dr Helen Roberts, whilst the administrative aspects of the project are maintained by Julia Korican in the admin office. They, along with all the staff, are advocates for patients with learning disabilities and their parents/carers, working to ensure that our practice is 'Person-Centred', delivering individually directed care and making reasonable adjustments for patient needs. The practice will also offer Annual Health Checks to patients with learning disabilities.



Special Announcements

Dr Ishmail's New Baby!

We are sure you will join us in congratulating Dr Ishmail and his wife who have recently welcomed their first child together! Best wishes to Dr Ishmail and his baby daughter!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's largest fundraising event for people facing cancer. One in three people will get cancer and Macmillan provides medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. The proceeds from each coffee morning help to make sure that no one faces cancer alone.

River Wey Medical Practice joined with Farnham Dene and the Ferns medical practices to take part in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. With lots of staff members volunteering to make delicious cakes, the three surgeries raised £118.19 for Macmillan.

Reception Manager

Janine stepped down as Reception Manager in the summer but continues to work at the practice, now dividing her time between reception and administrative duties.

Lynn, who has been with us for five years, has taken over from Janine and is managing our reception team.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG is a selection of patients and practice staff who meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services and facilities offered by the practice to our patient population. If you would like to be part of this group please contact Anne Green on enquiries.riverwey@nhs.net

