

NEWSLETTER 2010

SWINE FLU

Locally and nationally the number of cases of swine flu has continued to decline. As a result the National Pandemic Flu Service which was to provide assessment and treatment for people suffering from swine flu will be ceasing on the 11th February 2010.

If you need advice with flu-like symptoms we would recommend that you stay at home and contact us by telephone so that we can help you appropriately. Patients are still eligible for swine flu vaccination and please ring our Reception Team to make an appointment.

As a reminder : the symptoms of swine flu are a fever or a high temperature (over 38°C/100.4°F) and two of the following symptoms : unusual tiredness, headache, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath or cough, loss of appetite, aching muscles, diarrhoea or vomiting.

For up to date information visit www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu or call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513.

APPOINTMENTS/STAFF DETAILS

We have made changes to our Appointments System in the New Year. Sarah Crowhurst will be offering more 'same day' appointments. Her previous caseload consisting of looking after patients with asthma and bronchitis will be shared between members of the Team. We will keep you updated on further changes.

Sarah Crowhurst is also attending a Prescribing Course at the London South Bank University and will be away from the Practice on Wednesdays. She is enjoying the challenge and is finding it immensely helpful in further managing our patients.

PATIENT DETAILS

We have become aware that when people are changing addresses and phone numbers they are forgetting to inform us of this. This has caused problems with regard to following patients up with regards to health management and appointments. We would be grateful if you could endeavour to inform us as soon as possible of these changes.

HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME

We would like to remind all women that were born between 1st September 1991 and 31st August 1992 that they are now eligible for their HPV vaccinations. This is to protect them against virus infections of the cervix that can lead to cervical cancer. Please ring to make your appointment for the course of three injections that are required.

We will be setting up a Patient Participation Forum to discuss future developments not only at the Practice but also in the poly system that is currently being organised locally. Please inform me if you would wish to be considered to be a member.