

NEWSLETTER

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FLU VACCINATIONS

The annual flu vaccination programme is now getting underway.

- **Children and pregnant women** have been eligible for their flu vaccination since **1 September**.
- Childrens flu vaccines are in stock, and our supply of vaccines for adults is due to arrive on **23 September**.
- **From 1 October**, all other eligible patients will be able to book an appointment and have their vaccination at the surgery.

Having the flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those around you during the winter months. If you are not sure whether you are eligible, you can check the full list of criteria on the NHS website.

To book simply call the surgery on 01613839975, book directly if you've received a text link, or contact us using PATCHS.

COVID VACCINATIONS

From 1 October we will also be able to offer the seasonal COVID-19 booster. We hope to have some stock available within the first few weeks of October.

This year, the booster is available to:

- Everyone aged 75 and over
- Those living in care homes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed, according to the medical criteria outlined in the Green Book

If you fall into one of these groups, please contact the surgery and we will arrange your vaccination. Staying up to date with your COVID booster helps to reduce the risk of serious illness.

WAITING ROOM SCREEN

You may notice a small change in our waiting area over the coming weeks. To help reduce clutter and keep information as up to date as possible, we will be displaying more items on our **waiting room screen** rather than on posters. This means information can be shown on rotation, making it easier for you to see key updates while waiting for your appointment.

HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

We are supporting several health campaigns this autumn:

- **If in Doubt, Check It Out** – Encouraging people to seek advice if they notice changes in their health. More at: gmcancer.org.uk/communication/if-in-doubt-check-it-out
- **Best Start in Life** – Advice and support for families with young children: beststartinlife.gov.uk
- **Stoptober** – A national campaign to help people quit smoking this October, with plenty of resources and encouragement available: nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

We would love to welcome more patients to join our **Patient Participation Group**.

PPGs provide valuable feedback about the services we provide, patient experiences, and new developments within the practice. At the moment, we are hoping to grow the group so that it can become a more open forum where patients and staff can share ideas and discuss ways to improve care.

If this is something you would like to be part of, please use the [PPG sign up form](#) on our website.

FEEDBACK

If you don't want to get involved with the PPG but have suggestions for improvement or feedback that you would like to provide, please use our [feedback form](#) on our website.

We are striving to provide the best possible service. We take on board all feedback provided and are continually learning. All feedback is appreciated.

GP STAFF CHANGES

We would like to let patients know about some changes to our GP team.

- **Dr Jason Tseng** will be leaving the practice in the near future. We are very grateful for all his hard work and dedication, and we wish him the very best for the next stage of his career.

- To ensure we continue to provide good access to appointments, we are pleased to welcome two new doctors:
 - **Dr Abdelnasser Ibrahim**, who joined us in **August**
 - **Dr Kajal Mistry**, who will be starting with us in **October**

We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to the skills and experience they will bring to the practice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. We hope you find it helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.

With best wishes,
The Junction Surgery Team