

The Bosworth Surgery

Patient Newsletter : Autumn 2016

2016 Flu Campaign:

Flu vaccination is available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children at risk of flu and its complications.

Flu can be unpleasant, but if you are otherwise healthy it will usually clear up on its own within a week.

However, flu can be more severe in certain people, such as:

- anyone aged 65 and over
- children and adults with an underlying health condition (particularly long-term heart or respiratory disease)
- pregnant women
- children and adults with weakened immune systems

Anyone in these risk groups is more likely to develop potentially serious complications of flu, such as pneumonia (a lung infection), so it's recommended that they have a flu vaccine every year to protect them.

Flu Clinics are running throughout October and into November, please support your surgery and book your appointment with our skilled nurses.



Carers:

Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL) are based in Market Harborough and provide support to over 3,600 carers across Leicestershire, they also help young carers via a Peer Support Group. We are keen to identify patients who are carers and we are working with VASL to offer appointments to patients who are carers so that they can be supported in their caring role.

Please let us know if you are a carer and would like an appointment, a VASL representative visits regularly to cover carers clinics.

New Surgery For Husbands Bosworth & St Lukes Rebuild:

There is no news regarding the new surgery but the new hospital at the St Luke's site in Market Harborough is nearing completion. The Medical Centre will have consulting rooms there and hopes to move in during February 2017.

Staff News:

Dr Harrison is currently on maternity leave, Dr Vania is covering her clinics at The Bosworth Surgery.

Locum GP's: From time to time we also employ locum doctors, who are fully qualified GP's and are registered on the Leicestershire Performers List.

Registrars: Market Harborough Medical Centre is a designated training practice for doctors training to become GPs under the Vocational Training Scheme (GP Registrars).

Patient Participation Group (PPG):

Our active Patient Participation Group contributes to the improvement of services at both practices, and seeks to foster and improve communication between the Practice and the patients. Membership of the Group is open to all patients. Bi-monthly meetings are held. If you would like to join the PPG, please see the noticeboard in the waiting area for details.

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Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose: This annual statement will be generated each year in July.

It summarizes: Any infection incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)

- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken

- Details of staff training

Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Scope : This Protocol applies to all staff employed by the practice

IC Lead: The Practice Manager, Julie Simpson, is supported by Infection Control Lead Nurse Debbie Warner. The H&S GP Lead is Dr M T Yates

Training: Julie and Debbie have attended an Infection Control Lead training course in 2016 and keep up to date with IC policy and provide update training to the rest of the practice team at our Protected Education meetings annually. Staff that are unable to be present at the training are given a copy of the training presentation which is available to all staff. The IC inspection document is available on the shared drive for all staff to access. **An article on hand hygiene was included in our last staff newsletter**

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all of our clinical staff are up to date with their Hep B immunisations and offered any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our patient population.

Cleaning: Our contract cleaner's work to cleaning specifications laid out in their contract along with frequencies and an annual audit takes place to ensure these are being met. Cleaning equipment is stored in accordance with the NHS Cleaning Specifications.

- We provide minimal toys to help entertain children whilst they are in the waiting room and during consultations. NHS Cleaning Specifications recommend that all toys are clean regularly and we therefore provide only wipeable toys in the waiting room.

- In the doctor's room the modesty screens are paper type material and changed bi annually.

- Spill kits for blood, vomit or urine are provided for the reception area and treatment room complete with all necessary PPE.

Our Air conditioning unit are serviced annually to prevent any legionella build up in line with our Legionella Risk Assessment.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): The practice provides PPE for all members of the team in line with their role. Clinical staff are provided with aprons, several different types and sizes of gloves and goggles/face shields as necessary. Reception staff are provided with gloves for the handling of sample pots and sharps bins.

Waste: Clinical waste is categorised and stored in line with our waste management policy and collected weekly, waste transfer sheets are stored and archived for 5 years.

Domestic waste is disposed of by the local council. Collections take place weekly

Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture: Where possible all decorating, renewals and repairs will be made in line with infection control guidelines;

- Where planned renewals of fixtures such as sinks and taps will ensure complaint items are installed where they are not currently at full specification.

The seating in the clinical rooms have recently been replaced (2016) to ensure they are in good repair and of wipe able materials.

Audit : An annual Infection Prevention and Control in General practice audit was completed by the practice manager in August 2015 and reported to the Partners. All policies and procedures are updated every year or as necessary. There have not been any infection control incidents.

Our Sharps Bin Audit was completed in April 2016 and showed no areas of concern.

Policies Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are stored on the shared drive. These are reviewed and updated annual-ly as appropriate. However, all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

Responsibility It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles & responsibilities under this. It is also the responsibility of the practice manager to ensure staff are familiar with the contents.

Patients: There is no isolation room available for patients who are thought to be contagious so rather than using the main waiting room patients may be asked to return to their vehicle or home until seen. Patients known to have MRSA will be treated at the end of a nurse clinic list so that the room can be appropriately cleaned after the consultation. There have been no reported cases of MRSA acquired in the Practice.

Review date July 2017. **Responsibility for Review** The Practice Manager & IC Lead Nurse are responsible for reviewing the Statement

For further information on what's happening at the Medical Centre & Husbands Bosworth Surgery why not visit our website at www.marketharboroughmedicalcentre.co.uk