



DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our patients
December 2011

CHRISTMAS 2011

Just a reminder about our surgery opening hours over Christmas.

They are as follows:-

Date	Opening Times
Monday to Friday 19th -23rd December	Open 08:00am to 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Saturday 24 th December	Dispensary open, 9am – 12midday
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Tuesday 27 th December	Closed
Wednesday to Friday 28 th – 30 th December	Open 08:00am to 6:30pm
Saturday December 31st	Dispensary open, 9am – 12 midday
Sunday January 1st	Closed
Monday January 2nd	Closed
Tuesday January 3rd 2012 onwards	Open 08:00 am to 6:30 pm

DISPENSARY ISSUES

- ✳ Just a reminder that the Dispensary will be open on the Saturday morning of Christmas Eve and Saturday morning of New Year's Eve, December 31st 2011. Please make sure you pick up your medication either before Christmas or Wednesday to Saturday between Christmas and New Year.
- ✳ Please don't leave it till the last minute to order your repeat prescriptions. Put your repeat request in the week before Christmas so that you have medicine to cover over the Christmas period.
- ✳ There will be no surgery bus between Christmas and New Year. This means there will be no prescription delivery service to the villages that week either (26/12/11 to 2/1/12). People will need to collect repeat medication they have ordered from the surgery. The village deliveries will resume the week commencing Tuesday January 3rd 2012.

Travelling Overseas

If you are off on holiday and are going abroad somewhere where you may need travel vaccinations, please plan well ahead. Firstly go onto our website : www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk where there's a page about Travel Abroad. Print off the Risk Assessment form and fill in page 1 for each person going on the holiday which is mainly about your medical history. Then we direct you to another website, which is kept regularly updated, which tells you what vaccinations are needed for each country. Print out the pages that describe what is needed for your holiday destination. Then book an appointment with one of our practice nurses, making sure that you say that you need an appointment for 'Travel Vaccinations' as these appointments last longer. Bring your printouts with you and details of any other vaccinations you've had in the past (if you have them) so the nurse can see what you need. Remember to leave several weeks for organising this as some travel vaccination courses require more than one jab, several weeks apart. Please be aware that there is a charge for some of the vaccinations, as they are not all provided on the NHS. The details of the charges on our website are I'm afraid, out of date. It will be updated in January 2012!



News, News, News, News

We are sad to inform you that one of GPs, Dr Abi Dyer is leaving the surgery. She did her final year of GP training with us, and then joined our permanent staff in the summer of 2005. She has subsequently had 2 children so was away on maternity leave for some of that time. She is hoping to pursue a role in Family Planning. We wish her all the best for the future.

Dr Chambers is having a sabbatical break. He will not be available at the surgery for 7 weeks from Christmas until February 22nd 2012.

Congratulations to our GP, Dr Hannah Ward who has just successfully completed a Masters degree (MSc) in Rheumatology so if you have a rheumatological condition she will be happy to see you.

PATIENT SUMMARY CARE RECORD

What is the Summary Care Record (SCR)?

The SCR will store a specific set of information about people for every patient in England except those who have requested not to have one. This information will be extracted from information currently held by your GP. It is hoped that this will help by providing continuity of care between hospital and home. The information in the SCR will be any medication you are on and allergies. This information will only be available in an 'urgent care setting' such as casualty.

Some of everybody's information in England is already stored on what is called 'the spine'. Your name, age, address and contact details are all held on a national NHS database. It is not possible to opt out of this.

In Oxfordshire, the SCR project will be beginning in March 2012. Firstly, you will be sent a 'pack' in the mail with more information about the SCR and an option to opt out if you wish. Secondly, providing you don't opt out, a Summary Care Record will be created for you. Lastly, it will be used if you find yourself in an Urgent Care setting, and with your permission. The Summary care Record is already 'live' for 20% of people in England.

In Oxfordshire, there is also a second part to the plan, which is to create an 'extended' SCR, which is being called a Health Information Exchange (HIE). Details about this will be included in the package you receive in early 2012. This will include details of any major problems you have such as Diabetes or Heart Disease etc. If you are admitted to hospital, it will give healthcare staff faster, easier access to reliable information about you to help with your treatment. It will mean that the doctors there will be able to see what health problems you already have and what medication you are being treated with. NHS staff will need to ask each patient if they can look at your Summary Care Record/Health Information Exchange every time they need to, so permission will be up to you.

You will also be able to access your SCR yourself using the secure website HealthSpace, thus enabling you to have a degree of control of your healthcare and records.

So, to sum up, an information pack will be sent to everyone in Oxfordshire early in 2012 that explains the changes that are taking place and the choices you can make. If you are happy with the changes, then you don't need to do anything and your extra records will be created. If you're unhappy, then there's an opportunity to actively opt out by filling in a form in your pack.

FLU JABS – have you had a flu jab elsewhere eg Boots, Sainsbury's or at work? If so, please would you let us know – by telling Reception or Dispensary Staff.