



CHURCH STREET MEDICAL CENTRE

# Patient Newsletter

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### **UP DATE ON CLINICIANS**

#### **PARTNERS**

**DR P MEXLEY**—FULL TIME WITH ADDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHARED CARE DRUG CLINIC

**DR J D S WALKER**—FULL TIME WITH ADDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR G P REGISTRAR TRAINING

**DR C D SMITH**—FULL TIME WITH ADDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIABETES CARE

**DR P SCULLARD**—FULL TIME WHO JOINED US ON 9TH AUGUST.

**DR N S ATKINSON**—3/4 TIME CURRENTLY ON MATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL DECEMBER (DR N NARRA COVERING THIS)

**DR S BARRETT**—1/2 TIME PARTNER

WE HAVE TWO REGISTRARS - QUALIFIED DOCTORS WHO WISH TO BECOME G P'S

**HELEN SMITH**—ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER—  
*Deals with Acute issues and can Prescribe and Refer if necessary*

Now we have Dr Scullard, it is anticipated we will not have to employ Locum Doctors and you will find a more stable situation.

We also have 3 part time Practice Nurses, one Health Care Assistant and Two Phlebotomists who share out the workload.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **IMPORTANT UPDATE—WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Following media information, you will be aware there are cut backs being made within the Health Service. Within General Practices, there will be cuts in Prescribing budget, Referral Budget and the Price per patient which we have been paid historically since the introduction of the NHS.

#### **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT CHURCH STREET**

**PRESCRIBING BUDGET** We have overspent on our prescribing for some years by some £200,000. Added to this we have now had a reduction in our yearly budget (as have most other Practices) of £300,000. We have to attempt to make savings therefore of HALF A MILLION pounds, without compromising Patient care. We are being helped and advised by the PCT Prescribing Team and you may find changes in medications being introduced. **THIS WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR OVERALL CARE.** If you do not pay for prescriptions you may be asked to use Pharmacy First for minor issues. Details later in the Newsletter.

**REFERRALS**—All Practices are being asked to reduce their Referrals (again without compromising Patient care) by looking at alternative Pathways for the Patient. Referrals are being monitored by the PCT and Nottingham West Practice Based Commissioning Group—of which we are a member.

**PRICE PER PATIENT**—this guaranteed income from which we have to run the services and historically varied from Practice to Practice. This is being averaged out so all Practices operate within a similar budget. In some cases this means a reduction in income. Responsibility for Primary Care is being devolved down to General Practitioners who need to join a Commissioning Group to make it viable to negotiate with hospitals etc. for services at the best price. If we are an overspending Practice we will not be “wanted” in any of these Groups and worst case scenario, we would lose our licence to practice and in effect close down. **WE DO NOT INTEND FOR THIS TO HAPPEN BUT WE DO NEED TO LOOK CLOSELY AT ALL EXPENDITURE.**

**WE HAVE A HIGH MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB. IT WILL MEAN CHANGES TO OLD WORKING PRACTICE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING TO ENABLE US TO MAKE THE CHANGES. THIS IS NOT JUST CHURCH STREET, ALL PRACTICES HAVE NO CHOICE, THEY ALL NEED, LIKE US, TO MAKE THIS WORK.**

**WITHIN NHS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SAVINGS OF £1.7 MILLION HAVE TO BE MADE WITHIN GENERAL PRACTICE ALONE**

# FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET MEDICAL CENTRE

## Who are we?

We are a small group of patients (currently seven of us), just like you, who meet up probably half a dozen times a year on average under the chairmanship of Janis Lynch, our Practice Manager. There are like minded groups all around the country under the banner of the National Association of Patient Participation.

## What are our aims?

We wish to do whatever we can to support our medical practice; you may have met some of us helping to organise the flu clinics. We also try to be a bridge between surgery staff (doctors, nurses, receptionists etc) and the patients, putting the patients' point of view to the surgery staff and trying to communicate surgery staffs' concerns to our fellow patients. It must be emphasised that patient confidentiality is NEVER breached; patient names are NEVER disclosed.

## What do we do?

Try to communicate changes to the Patients and bring forward support and suggestions to the Practice. This is a two way working relationship.

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US THE COMMITMENT IS AS MUCH OR LITTLE AS YOU CAN GIVE. MEETINGS ARE 6/8 WEEKLY DEPENDING ON BUSINESS OF THE DAY. HELP AT CLINICS OR WHEN UNEXPECTED SUPPORT MAY BE USEFUL IS DEPENDANT ON YOU.



## **CAR PARKING**

**WE ARE NOW AWARE, AS YOU MAY BE, THAT THE NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL TO BE BUILT ON CHURCH STREET WILL HAVE ONE ACCESS OPPOSITE 26 & 24a CHURCH STREET, ALSO A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.**

**MAIN VEHICLE ENTRANCE IS FURTHER DOWN CHURCH STREET OPPOSITE THE MALTHEUSE CLOSE AREA.**

**THIS MAY IMPACT EVEN MORE ON CAR PARKING FACILITIES AROUND THE SURGERY AND DENTIST WITH PARENTS DROPPING CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL AND PICKING THEM UP, AS CHURCH STREET WILL BE THE ONLY PARKING OPTION.**

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE ASKED US TO PUT RIGHT THE STATEMENT THERE WILL BE ACCESS VIA IVY LANE—THERE WILL NOT, IT IS AS STATED A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN. THIS IS A DONE DEAL ON LAND PURCHASED 30 YEARS AGO WHEN TRAFFIC CONTROL WAS NOT SUCH AN ISSUE. THEY SAY THIS IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO RE-HOUSE CHILDREN FROM AN OUT OF DATE VICTORIAN BUILDING.**

**THEY ALSO SAY TRAFFIC SURVEYS WERE CARRIED OUT !**

## **APPOINTMENTS WITH DOCTORS**

We continually monitor how appointments are released.

The new Government has removed the 48 hour access target imposed previously.

Extended hours are not high priority.

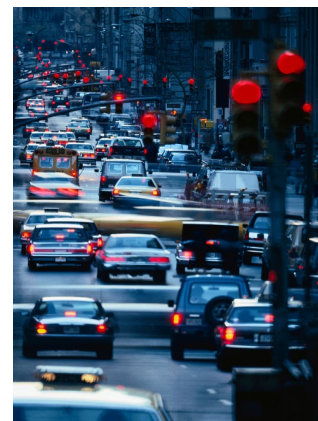
We hope to release more

routine appointments when our New Partner joins us leaving on the day Acute issues to be dealt with by our Advanced Nurse Practitioner.



## **SMOKING CESSATION**

**We are no longer able to release Colette's time to help our patients who would like to give up smoking. We can however refer you to Eastwood Clinic who have New Leaf clinics**



## PHARMACY FIRST

Patients who are exempt prescription charges or hold a valid prescription prepayment certificate are able to access this service at any participating Community Pharmacy in the county.

Patients will receive advice and free medicine if indicated for presenting ailments. By using this service you will help us control our Prescribing (see previous page) as the money to run this service is “top sliced” before we are allocated our budget

### Ailments covered by Pharmacy First

Athletes Foot

Head Lice 6 months +

Bacterial Conjunctivitis 2 years +

Inspect Bites and Stings 2 years +

Constipation 3 years + unless very mild when 1 year

Teething 3 months +

Sore Throat 1 year +

Earache 6 months +

Threadworm 1 year +

Fever/Temperature 3 months +

Haemorrhoids 16 years with previous G P Diagnosis

Vaginal Thrush 16—60 years

Hay Fever Beclomethasone Nasal Spray 18 years + Oral Medication 2 years + eye drops  
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Warts and Verrucas

### PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES

Brinsley Pharmacy 1 Brynsmoor Road, Brinsley, Nottingham

Burrows and Close Nottingham Road, Eastwood/Green Lane Kimberley/Church Street,  
Stapleford

Manor Pharmacy 27 Greens Lane, Kimberley

The Co-Operative Pharmacy 2a Church Walk, Eastwood.

IF YOU TELEPHONE THE SURGERY REQUESTING A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE ABOVE YOU MAY BE ASKED BY THE RECEPTIONIST TO ATTEND A PHARMACY OF YOUR CHOICE, REGISTER AND OBTAIN MEDICATION VIA PHARMACY FIRST.

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER CHANGES, REMEMBER WE HAVE A GROUP OF PATIENTS WHO MEET APPROXIMATELY EVERY 2 MONTHS CALLED FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PLEASE SPEAK TO A RECEPTIONIST. THEY ARE A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PATIENT AND SURGERY

