

COVID-19

The vaccination service for all of the GP surgeries in the Dacorum Locality continues at the Maxted Road site & all Practices will be in the process of inviting the last patients in Group 9 and are starting to call patients for their second dose.

At this time it has not been confirmed who will deliver the service for the 18–50 age range but, once agreed, invitations will be sent.

We think that the team of NHS staff and volunteers have made a great effort to get through the eligible patients with such efficiency and would like to extend our thanks to them.

The virus remains an issue & for these reasons we continue with our current system of reducing the number of patients in the Surgery at the same time, regular cleaning of all areas and asking that the social distancing continues. Thanks go to everyone for their understanding and compliance, as we know it is difficult to ask that everyone coming to the Surgery wait until the doctor or nurse is ready to see them.



Premises Development

Anyone who has been to the Surgery recently will have seen that the new part of the building is well underway and is just about on track for completion towards the end of July. When they will then start the refurbishment of our current premises and during this period we will move over to the new building.

We are aware that during some periods of the work there will be reduced parking and to help with this we have asked all of our staff not to use these spaces.

We would like to thank the developers, Coffeys for installing some canopies over the front door area to try to keep you dry when speaking on the intercom or collecting items.

PPG Education Event

The Friends of Parkwood Surgery held their first Zoom health talk after the hiatus of 2020. The topic was a timely one, exploring mental health during Covid-19 and beyond. Dr Fernandes was joined by Danielle Levy from the Hertfordshire Mind Network to discuss common issues around mental health, the impact of the pandemic and the availability of services to support those reaching out. Feedback from attendees showed this is a really important topic for the community at the moment. Some of the suggested links mentioned at the talk are listed below: Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Trust (access to support using a self-referral service): www.hpft.nhs.uk/services

Mental Health.org: www.mentalhealth.org

Living Life to the Full: www.llttf.com

Kooth (online mental health wellbeing particularly for young people): www.kooth.com

Mind: www.mind.org.uk

MoodGym: www.moodgym.com.au

The Friends are looking to connect more with members and patients alike, with one idea we've discussed involving an online talk or meet for new parents. If this is something you would be interested in, please give us your views here to help our future planning: <https://forms.gle/W97pD7Cfd4CNkN8eA>.

WELCOME Staffing Matters

Over the last couple of months we have recruited two new GPs; Dr Arshad Rizvi & Dr Haleemah Kazaz. We also have a new Pharmacist, Russell Foulsham who joined us on a twelve month contract. He will be contacting many of you for your annual medication reviews, as well as your asthma and COPD

Fax machine

In line with most NHS organisations, we will be removing our fax machine soon, as this is hardly used now as there is access via email and our website. We undertook a review of the users and they are all able to communicate by other means. The machine will be turned off from Tuesday



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