

 Newsletter – Spring 2024 Issue

**STAFF NEWS:**



**LEAVERS:**

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* Suzanne Bebb, one of our Health Care Assistants is retiring this spring – she is one of the longest serving members of staff with over 20 years' service to Beech House. She is our friend as well as our colleague and will be greatly missed by staff and patients alike – Wishing Suzie all the best for her retirement 😊
* Dr Nathaniel Shatwell – Foundation Year 2 Doctor Nathaniel has been with us for a 4-month placement and is soon moving to his next post at Harrogate Hospital – we wish him every success in his continued training.

**STARTERS:**

The following team members joined us recently/are joining us soon and we welcome them to Beech House!

* Dr Lydia Dawes – Foundation Year 2 Doctor
* Jo Mason - Dispenser

**PRIMARY CARE NETWORK (PCN) STAFF:**

These are staff who work across the practices in Knaresborough and Rural PCN, employed or subcontracted to YHN (Yorkshire Health Network) our GP Federation.

We now have a First Contact Mental Health Practitioner called Chantal Hoyle – she will be working here every Tuesday and reception can book appropriate appointments directly in with her.

**SERVICES:**

**SPRING COVID BOOSTER CAMPAIGN:**



The Spring Covid Booster campaign will be starting in April 2024.

The eligible patient groups are as follows:

* Residents in care homes for older adults,
* Aged 75 or over,
* Aged 5 or over who are immunosuppressed (must meet specific criteria so will be called in by the practice).

We will be offering vaccinations to our eligible patients as soon as we have confirmation of vaccine allocation from NHS England. Practices will be allocated vaccines on a rolling basis from central NHS stock and we have no control over this.

We will be doing mid-week clinics this time rather than Saturday clinics and we will be sending out SMS booking links and calling patients to book – watch this space! 😊

We have recently sent out a questionnaire to patients over 75 asking if you would like to have a vaccine or not and to reply and let us know – thank you to those who have done this already. If you haven't received or would rather ring and let us know please do so, at this stage we just need to know if you want one or not so that we have an idea of numbers.

Thanks

**PATIENT WELLBEING EVENING EVENT – Wednesday 22nd May 2024 18:30:**

The PPG (Patient Participation Group) are hosting an evening event here at Beech House that patients, relatives and carers are welcome to attend.

There will be a cake stall and refreshments available to purchase.

We will have a range of speakers at the event, including:

* One of our Social Prescriber Link Workers from North Yorkshire Council Living Well
* Our Practice Care Coordinator
* An Occupational Therapy from North Yorkshire Health Network's PACT Team
* The Community Liaison link from Dementia Forward
* A Practitioner from NHS North Yorkshire Talking Therapies
* Our Digital and Transformation Manager

Each speaker will do a short presentation followed by the opportunity for patients to chat to them individually to find out more about each service.

There will be more information to follow on our website, social media pages and posters in the surgery.

**PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)**

Who are we? We are a group of patients who wish to support and promote all that the Practice does. We have approximately four meetings a year including our AGM and welcome interested patients to join the group.

Our PPG recently held a tombola in the waiting room and raised nearly £80 – thank you!

The PPG can be contacted through – beechhousesurgery@nhs.net – Please mark your email with the heading “PPG”

**FUTURE CONTENT:**

Please let us know of any particular topic that you would like to see featured in our next Newsletter.

**AND FINALLY…..**

Did you know that we have Facebook and Instagram pages?

Give us a like and follow to make sure that you are up to date with what is going on!

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