



Sele News



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Covid Vaccination Update

Although restrictions have been lifted with effect from July 19th, rates of Covid-19 continue to increase across the region and, as a consequence, we are experiencing staffing issues. We cannot, therefore, afford to change our current infection control procedures.

Public Health England have made it clear that it is reasonable to decline to see a patient face to face if they refuse to wear a face covering when not medically exempt from doing so.

We thank all our patients in advance for their understanding and compliance with these rules and would like to reassure our more vulnerable patients that the Practice remains a safe place.

Face masks are available at the entrance to the Primary Care Centre and face shields/visors are available on request.

Autumn Covid Boosters

We are still awaiting further government guidance on these. Please keep an eye on our facebook feed and website for further information.

Proof of Vaccination

The only recognised vaccination certification currently available is available either through the NHS App or by phoning 119 to obtain a paper copy which will be posted to your home address. This takes about a week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/get-your-covid-pass-letter/>

The practice is **unable** to provide proof of vaccines.

Covid Vaccination Statistics

Our local covid vaccination service at the Primary Care Centre administered a total of 35169 doses (first and second) from 29 December to 19 June.

102 vaccinators, 69 practice administration staff, acting as marshalls and data entry personnel, together with 32 volunteer marshalls were involved in the vaccination programme covering 7 practices.

Each mass clinic had 8 or 9 vaccinators with a team of marshalls and data entry staff.

All of Sele's team were involved to a huge degree, particularly as we co-hosted the service.

Travel abroad

Once you've made the decision to travel, please be aware that airlines have safety requirements which you will need to follow. If you are unable to wear a mask for a significant length of time, you may wish to consider using a face shield/visor which may satisfy the airline's requirements (you would need to check) and which we can provide on request. The practice is unable to provide letters of exemption etc.

Staff changes

We welcome Dr April Gladwin and Dr Zareena Amiruddin for a six month placement with the practice as qualified doctors, undertaking their GP training.

Dr Emily Dodds will be leaving us at the end August, having completed her GP training, to take up a salaried position in County Durham. We wish her well.

Practice Nurse, Rachel Rock will be leaving us in August to take up a post at Hexham General Hospital. Suzanne Little, from our community Team will be joining us.

Flu Vaccinations

We will be offering these to our at risk patients as usual. We may contact you by text to book your flu appointment.

Telephone calls

We regularly receive over 300 calls in a day which means that our staff are exceptionally busy but they do their best to answer as quickly and safely as possible. Our quieter days for calls are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Parkrun is back!

The only place to be on Saturday mornings at 9.00am the starting line for the Tyne Green parkrun!

Even if you can't run, jog or walk the 5km course, helpers are always needed.

Many of the Sele team help or participate, or both, and we encourage anyone to give it a go.

Facebook

We know many patients regularly check social media so we are regularly using our practice Facebook page to promote services and provide information.

Screening Programmes

Cancer and other screening programmes have continued throughout the past difficult 18 months. If you receive an invitation to participate in any of the national programmes, we would encourage you to make an appointment – for cervical screening and breast screening, or, for bowel screening, use the test kit and return it.

A Final Thought....

It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. Mahatma Gandhi