

Bradford on Avon Health Centre Newsletter



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The Repeat Prescription Box

The prescription box has moved! It is now located in the foyer, just inside the first entrance door on the left hand side. There is also an information sheet that explains when your prescription will be ready for collection.

It is emptied during the day and our commitment to process them remains at 48 hours excluding bank holidays and weekends.

The Patient Participation Group is holding their next meeting on Monday 31st July at 7 p.m. at The Health Centre. Please come along.

Judith Rawlings will be offering **PHYSIOTHERAPY** from Green Tree Health from Monday 10th July

An Update on Winsley Health Centre

The surgery in Winsley is proving extremely popular. Many patients walk to their appointments and doctors are often able to walk to their visits.

The dispensary application is going through the official channels. We would like to thank the 500+ patients who wrote to the PCT in support of the dispensing licence.

The Health Centre Dental Practice

We are currently offering approximately 100 NHS appointments per week and will be extending this to approximately 170 from the 1st August 2006. We have received an enormous amount of interest that has consequently placed very high demand on our practice. We are processing dental questionnaires, arranging appointments and undertaking dental care as efficiently and effectively as possible.

If you have completed a dental questionnaire, we will be in contact when appointments are available.

In the meantime if you experience dental pain, please telephone Wiltshire Dental Services on 01249 456530. They will arrange for you to visit a dentist in the local area. However, we do have a number of emergency appointments available everyday so you may wish to contact us initially. Once these are filled, we will ask you to contact Wiltshire Dental Services. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

If you are interested in receiving private dental care, please speak with a dental receptionist who will discuss your options with you.

The Health Centre Team

We are delighted to welcome Jackie Daly, Jan Wiltshire and Fran Peters to our team. Between them they will be covering reception and administrative duties at both Bradford on Avon and Winsley Health Centres. We would also like to welcome the new members of the dental practice team – Judith Starkey, Georgios Lazardis, Amanda Applegate, Valerie Grieves, Rachel Sheppard, Jill Hussey and Kay Brown.

At the same time, we are sorry to say that three members of our team who are retiring – Marjorie Alderson, Ann Booth and Barbara Bridgeman. Marjorie was been at the forefront of our organisation for 23 years - meeting patients, processing probably millions of prescriptions and handling thousands of telephone calls.

Ann Booth officially retired on the 2 June following 12 years with us as a Practice Nurse. However, she is helping us out until Christmas to give us a chance to restructure the existing nursing team. Barbara is well known to many of you who have had your blood taken or needed an ECG over the past 5 years. Their years of experience and expertise will be sorely missed but we wish them.

You don't have to be a hero to save lives!

National Transplant Week (9th – 15th July 2006) aims to raise awareness of the need for more people to join the NHS Organ Donor Register and to encourage people to tell their family and friends about their wish to donate organs. Here are a few frequently asked questions and answers:

What is organ donation? Organ donation is the fit of an organ to help someone who needs a transplant. The generosity of donors and their families enables nearly 3000 people in the UK every year to take on a new lease of life. In addition, thousands of people have their sight restored by donated corneas.

What can be transplanted? Kidneys, heart, liver, lungs, pancreas, small bowel, corneas, heart valves and bone can all be transplanted.

Why are even more organs needed? Every year hundreds of people die while waiting for a transplant and many others lose their lives before they even get on to the transplant list. There is a serious shortage of organs and the gap between the number of organs donated and the number of people waiting for a transplant is increasing.

For more information, pick up a leaflet at The Health Centre or telephone the Organ Donor Line on 0845 60 60 400.

Clinical Trials

- Have you had a viral infection that has left you with a cough?
- Ladies, Do you go to the loo more than 8 times a day?
- Do you have arthritis of the hip or knee and need regular painkillers?
- Do you suffer from problems with erections? Are you aged 18-65?
- Do you take need to take daily pain control medication but also suffer from constipation? Would you be interested in trying a new tablet that is being developed to try to help improve your symptoms?
- Do you have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), aged 40+ and used to smoke?

If you have said **YES** to any of these questions and are interested in finding out more please telephone Sue Matthews on 01225 860014 or Beverley Lewis Belza on 860033.