

# West Calder Medical Practice Newsletter 2020: Issue 2

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## ANNUAL FLU CLINICS

Clinics will be held at West Calder Medical Practice from October 2020. Information will be made available nearer the time.

Please check local press for details. Notices will also be posted with our local pharmacies and website once we have details of clinic dates.

## Flu Information

*Annual influenza vaccination is automatically available to all patients who fall into the following risk categories:*

*Age 65 or over  
Chronic Heart Disease  
Chronic Respiratory Disease  
Chronic Kidney Disease  
Chronic Liver Disease  
Chronic Neurological Disease  
Diabetic  
Immunosuppressed  
Splenectomy  
Resident of Nursing Home  
Carers for Vulnerable Elderly  
Pregnant*

*If you do not fall into any of the "at risk" categories but still wish to have a flu jab, please contact us in late November after our more vulnerable patients have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. You will be given an appointment only if sufficient vaccine remains in stock.*

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**The Practice will be closed  
On**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

## STAFF

**Welcome.....**

Dr Francisco Diaz will be starting with us as a long term locum at the beginning of October. His days of work will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday,

Our new GP Registrar, Dr Farah Hussain started with us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. She will be at the Practice Monday – Wednesday for the next year.

**Goodbye & Good Luck.....**

Sadly, Dr Paul Stephen will be leaving us at the end of September. We wish him all the very best in the future.

All the GPs from West Calder Medical Practice would like to thank their patients for their continued support and understanding during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

As you will be aware we had to quickly implement significant changes to our service for the safety of patients and staff.

We have now reached a transitional phase, and are working hard to adapt our service so we can deal with non urgent medical problems in a more co-ordinated way hopefully to the benefit of both doctors and patients.

Patients are now able to request a call-back from a particular doctor up to 2 weeks in advance. Depending on availability, patients will be able to specify the date and either a morning or afternoon call-back. This will allow the GPs to plan their workload better and provide patients with better continuity of care.

## PRACTICE BUILDING & GROUNDS

We would ask that if you see any acts of vandalism to either the building or its surroundings that you report this to the Police or to our Practice Manager. We are also noticing an increasing amount of litter in and around our car park and surrounding shrubbery

Our premises and surrounding grounds are non-smoking areas. There are signs posted outside the practice and also on the wall of the adjoining pharmacy. This also applies to electronic smoking devices.

## Changes in Data Protection Guidelines

You may be aware that new Data Protection Guidelines have recently come into force. For further information on how we hold your information please ask at reception for a copy of our Data protection Notice.

**COVID-19  
If you have COVID symptoms or  
any concerns, please contact**

**NHS Inform Website:**

[www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot)