



## Summer 2020 Newsletter

### Coronavirus

Though the Government is easing lockdown restrictions Oakhill is staying alert. We are continuing to operate on mostly telephone and online consultations but seeing the patients we really do need to see in Protective clothing.

The door remains closed and we ask that anyone we have asked to see waits outside until we collect them to give us time to escort the previous patient out of the building and to clean.

We realise that some patients find this frustrating and just want to see their GP but we are taking these measures to ensure we are doing our best to protect our patients and staff and reduce the spread of this deadly virus.

### The New Normal

Some things that we do in General Practice will not return to how they were in pre-covid days, for instance we will continue to do telephone and online consultations, we will send all prescriptions to the pharmacy, we will ask that patient's purchase their own BP monitors, in general we will continue to minimise patient footfall.

### Oakhill Car Park

Oakhill Medical Practice and its grounds are privately owned as stated on the sign at the entrance, though we do not mind local people using our car park we do object to people playing loud music which disturbs the staff working here and our neighbours. We also object to these visitors leaving litter and cigarette ends. The Police have also been made aware of antisocial behaviour here during the night and ask that if you see anything to contact **them on 101 or at [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)**

## Covid Shielding Letters

Please be aware these have gone out from Central Government and not the practice, though we can provide these letters where patient have been missed please be aware that they are for very high risk patients, not the patients that normally have the seasonal flu jab. The criteria are

- Solid organ transplant recipients
- People with specific cancers
- People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe COPD
- People with rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as SCID, homozygous sickle cell)
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection
- People who are pregnant with significant heart disease

### Surgery Closures

We will be closed on the second Wednesday of each month from 1pm for staff Training, when we are closed please call 111.



### Virtual Patient Participation Group

We are always looking for new members so please leave your name and email address at reception if you would like to be involved our virtual group. Its purpose is so the practice can consult with you and you can offer views, opinions and suggestions. Please email the Practice Manager on [admin.oakhillmedicalpractice@nhs.net](mailto:admin.oakhillmedicalpractice@nhs.net)