



Wickham Market Medical Centre & Rendlesham Surgery

Autumn newsletter



Change in Partnership

Dr Will Elson

We are very sorry to inform patients that Dr Will Elson has decided to retire, he first joined the practice in January 1996 and will be retiring on the 31st October 2023. However Dr Elson has very kindly agreed to carry on working at the practice as a locum when ever required. **We would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.**

A very warm welcome to Dr Jordan Nye!

We are very pleased to introduce Dr Jordan Nye who will be joining the practice as a full time partner in November this year and will be taking over Dr Elson's full patient list.

Dr Nye was born and brought up in Suffolk, he returned following 10 years training in 2010 and for the last 10 years has been working as a GP in a busy practice in Ipswich but has always wanted to work in a more rural setting and is very much looking forward to working with the team at Wickham Market.





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National GP Patient Survey

We are very pleased to announce the results of the recent National GP Patient Survey, we had an excellent response from our patients and out of 64 practices in Suffolk were rated jointly with Bildeston Health Centre the top practice is Suffolk for patient satisfaction with a rating of **94%**

Other notable ratings:-

Helpfulness of Receptionists at the practice 99%

Easy to get through to this GP practice by Phone 96%

Good overall experience of making an appointment 91%

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey, it is a national independent survey and we have no control into who is sent a questionnaire . Also thank you to everyone who contacted the practice to pass on their thanks to staff after viewing the results which were printed in the East Anglian Daily Times



VACCINATION

Measles is on the rise

You may have seen from the news that there is a rise in the number of measles cases in England. The MMR vaccine is the safest and most effective way to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. If you are unsure whether you have previously had the vaccine or not, please check with our nursing team.

Shingles vaccinations

From 1st September Shingles vaccinations will be offered to those turning 70 and 65 years on or after 1st September 2023.

All Immunocompromised individuals aged 50 years and over (no upper age limit) will be offered the vaccination.

Please check with reception or nurses as to whether you are eligible.



Flu season is coming!



We are currently organising our flu appointments and hoping to start the campaign at the end of September.

We will contact all eligible patients as soon as the appointments are in place and we have secured the vaccine delivery date.

If we do not have your mobile phone number or email address please let us know so we can stay in contact.

Please support your surgery and have your flu vaccination with us!

Winter Covid Vaccinations

We will be starting Winter Covid Vaccinations in Mid October.

They will be offered to the following patients:

- residents in a care home for older adults
- all adults aged 65 years and over.
- persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group
 - frontline health and social care workers
- persons aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts, of people with immunosuppression (As per the Green book chapter 14A, available online)
- persons aged 16 to 64 years who are carers, and staff working in care homes for older adults (As per the Green book chapter 14A, available online)

We will start booking once we have confirmation of the Vaccine delivery date, please watch our Facebook page and surgery noticeboards for more information.

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Patient Group

We have a very proactive and supportive patient group, please see our website for contact details

Dr Graham Jones

We are very sorry to inform you that sadly Dr Graham Jones has passed away. He was a much loved and respected GP Partner at the practice and we send our condolences to his family & friends and in particular his wife Dr Kathryn Jones, also a former GP Partner at the practice

Facebook Page & Website

For up to date information regarding the practice and services available to patients please visit our face book page and website

www.wickhammarketmc.nhs.uk

