

Nettleham Medical Practice

And Cherry Willingham Branch Surgery

May 14 News

Care.Data Opt Outs

We continue to accept written requests from patients wishing to opt out of the Care.Data programme. There is more information and an opt-out form on our website.

We ensure that your records are updated to reflect your decision within seven days. Please note that we do not routinely acknowledge when we have updated your records, but should you feel that you would like confirmation then please ring the results line and a member of staff will be able to confirm this for you.

Patient Participation Group Update

From Our Chair Pam (Nettleham & CW PPG)

I was nervous on Tuesday the 2nd April when I caught a train to King's Cross in London. I had been invited by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) to attend a Parliamentary Reception in the Houses of Parliament. The reason for this meeting was to launch an awareness raising initiative to the Government for greater resources for our Surgeries. The Campaign is called 'Put Patients First - back general practice'. There were several speakers from the RCGP and from the National Association for Patient Participation. The main speaker was Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Earl Howe who seemed well informed about the reduction of GP practice budgets.

Earl Howe then opened a question time where one of our own GP's, Dr Williams, asked how surgeries can be expected to open for longer hours and at weekends when there aren't enough GPs nationally to staff Monday to Friday effectively. The general feeling I had was one of GP's wanting to protect the 'care' they provide to their patients and improve provision in our surgeries at Nettleham and Cherry Willingham. I did speak with Earl Howe and found that he was very understanding of the difficulties faced by rural Practices and their patients. Our own MP, Edward Leigh, did attend for a part of the meeting between other engagements. We hope to be able to meet up with him in due course. You can find out more about the campaign, and sign up for updates at: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/campaign>

On a sad note, I have just been informed by our Voluntary Drivers Scheme Co-Ordinator, of the very sudden death of Ian Smith, one of our valued drivers. Many patients will remember being transported from their homes to either Nettleham or Cherry Willingham surgeries by Ian, who was a courteous, kind and helpful gentleman and we shall all miss him.

We are producing a leaflet about the Patient Participation Group which should be available at both sites very soon - please take a copy and have a read. We are also considering introducing a 'Get Well Corner' for children - more information in the newsletter at a later date.

We are here for patients, we are patients ourselves, please feel free to contact us if you have specific issues you wish to raise.

Monthly Early Closures for Training 2014

In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons. Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 17th June

Tuesday 15th July

Contact Details - Nettleham 01522 751717
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When the surgery is closed ring freephone 111
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