

PATIENT NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the winter edition of YOUR Patients' Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading through and finding out what's happening within YOUR practice.

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Flu Season Is Still Here



If you are eligible for a FREE NHS flu vaccine and haven't booked your appointment yet why not contact us today to arrange this... we have midweek clinics running every week now in our Treatment Room. It's not too late to get protection against flu this season so don't delay get your vaccination booked in. Our seasonal flu vaccines are available until 31st March.

Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- Sinusitis (16 to 65 years old)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache (children aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (16 to 65 years old)
- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16 to 64 years)

Visit your Pharmacy First!

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free NHS service

*This prescription charge will apply where a medicine is supplied

Did you know you can get advice and treatment directly from a pharmacy without the need for an appointment with a GP or an Advanced Nurse Practitioner? This service is available at all the pharmacies in Daventry and prescriptions are available directly from the pharmacy when these are

required. They can help with all the following conditions:

- Earache – 1-17 years old
- Impetigo – 1 years +
- Infected insect bites – 1 years +
- Shingles – 12 years +
- Sinusitis – 12 years +
- Sore throat – 5 years +
- Urinary tract infections in females – 16-64 years old

You can either call to arrange an appointment with the pharmacy or drop in to be seen.

RSV Vaccine



What is RSV?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. RSV infection often causes symptoms like a cold, including cough, sore throat,

sneezing and runny or blocked nose. It can also make you become wheezy or short of breath and lead to pneumonia and other life-threatening conditions. There is no specific treatment, and most infections will get better by themselves. Every year thousands of older adults need hospital care for RSV, and some of them will die. RSV can be more severe in people with medical conditions such as heart or lung disease or a weakened immune system.

Who should have the RSV vaccination?

Everyone turning 75 years old on or after the 1 September 2024 will be offered a single dose of RSV vaccine. This is because older adults are more at risk of serious complications from RSV. You can still get the vaccine up to the day before you turn 80. For the first year of the programme, the vaccine will also be offered to those who are already aged 75 to 79 years on 1 September 2024 as part of a catch-up programme.

Please contact the surgery to book your vaccination.

Dr Judith Viira ○ Dr Amy Butler ○ Dr Trudy Lewis ○ Dr David Digby ○ Dr Amar Balakrishnan

Managing Partner – Mrs Jo Gilford

GP Registrations Online



We are now accepting online registrations... this means registering with the Practice is now easier than ever and registration is available 24/7. The easiest way to do this is to use the NHS app using the "services" section and clicking "find NHS services near you". Alternatively you can also do this using the link available on our website. Of course you can also still attend the practice during our opening hours to fill in a paper form if you do not have access to the internet too.

Hello's and Goodbye's

We would like to bid a fond farewell to our Operations Manager Sam who left the Practice in December for pastures new. We wish you all the best for the future.



We would like to welcome Ellie our new Data Protection, Complaints and Safety Manager who joined the Practice just before Christmas.

We have also had 3 new starters at the beginning of January, Jenny our new Support Services Advisor has joined our busy secretarial team, Dr Nwosu has joined our GP team and Camron our new Health Care Assistant has joined our Treatment Room... please offer them a warm welcome if you meet them in the practice.

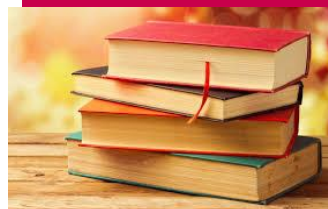
New Telephone System



Did you know we now offer a call back function on our telephone system? When calling through to our Patient Services Team you will be given the option to opt for a call back instead of waiting in the telephone queue. Your call will then maintain its position in our call queue so you will receive a call back as promptly as possible.

If you request a call back please ensure that you are then able to answer your phone when this rings as the system will only call once.

Friends of Danetre Hospital



The friends of Danetre Hospital are in need of books for their shop. If you have any unwanted books please feel free to donate them to the

Friends of Danetre Hospital shop Monday-Friday 09:30am-3:00pm.

Friends & Family Test


The Friends and Family Test

You may have received a text message following a recent appointment at the practice asking you to give feedback on how your experience of the practice was... this information helps us to understand how we are performing and what we can do to help you. We would like to thank everyone who takes the time to complete this quick question. In December 2024 we received 250 responses, 195 of which were very good which is wonderful to see.

Keeping in Touch

Don't forget to keep us updated with your contact details! You can also update the details of your Next of Kin so that we can contact in an emergency. You can update us via Patient Online system; give us a call on 01327 703333 after 9am or contact us via email at danetremedical.practice@nhs.net

Training Dates

Please note our PLT Training dates below. (We will close at 12.30pm and open again the following morning at 8am). Please call NHS111, think pharmacy first or ring 999 in an emergency if you require medical assistance.

12th February 2025
12th March 2025
2nd April 2025

