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Cairnsmore Medical Practice

PRACTICE NEWSLETTER



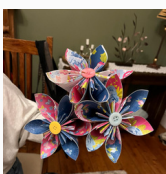
PRACTICE TEAM UPDATE

Our ScotGEM student Lewis has now finished his third year of training. He has been a fantastic member of our team since joining us last August and we have no doubt that he will make a fantastic GP in the future. We will soon welcome our next students, Megan & Rebecca.

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed Dr Obi who is undertaking her GP Speciality training and will be with us initially until Aug 24.

We also have a Foundation Year 2 Dr Mickel on her four month placement, followed by Dr Brolly in August.

Throughout the month of March, our dispenser Anna raised money for the MND charity by doing a crafting activity everyday! Members of our team supported her with our own crafting evening where some lovely items were made.



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APRIL DATA

Did you know that as well as consulting with patients, our team have a number of other tasks that require a significant amount of work.

An example of our workload from April 2024 is as follows:

- 8463 repeat medications issued on prescriptions which require to be checked and signed before sending to our colleagues at our local pharmacies.
- 6449 pieces of communication were received, reviewed, actioned and filed into patients' medical records.
- 1288 samples (bloods etc) were requested.
- 203 patient referrals sent to Secondary Care.

REVIEWS

If you are on any regular medications or have a chronic disease (asthma, hypertension etc) please ensure that you book in to see a Clinician at least annually.

We will always aim to remind you that you are due a review from the right hand side of your prescription slip, but please ensure you have your regular check ups.

SURVEY

The Scottish Health and Care Experience (HACE) Survey is a postal survey which was sent to a random sample of people who were registered with a General Practice in Scotland. Questionnaires were sent out in October and November 2023 asking about people's experiences during the previous 12 months. The survey consists of a number of questions, but also gives patients the opportunity to write their own specific comments about their GP Practice.

"they are outstandingly good and should be used as a benchmark for everyone"

"very caring and down to earth"

"excellent service, lovely staff, who go beyond and above expectations"

RIGHT CARE, RIGHT PLACE

Right Care, Right Place - the future of **Newton Stewart Hospital**

Consultation is now underway (May-August 2024) regarding the options of what may happen to Newton Stewart Hospital.

We have, and will continue to advocate to see a return of medical inpatient beds within our local community and would support a blended approach (see point 35).

For all the current information and to complete the online survey, please visit:

[Right Care, Right Place – consultation on the future of cottage hospitals – Dumfries & Galloway Health & Social Care \(dghscp.co.uk\)](https://dghscp.co.uk)

