



Drayton & St Faiths Medical Practice

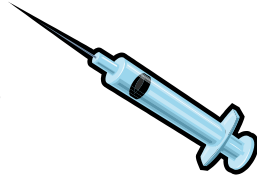
Practice Newsletter Issue 6 - September 2009



Welcome to the sixth Drayton & St Faiths Medical Practice Newsletter.

To receive future copies of our newsletter via email, visit our website www.drayton-stfaiths.co.uk/newsletter

Flu Clinics



If you will be over 65 on or by 31st March 2010 or you suffer certain chronic illnesses such as:

- Diabetes
- Chronic Heart Conditions
- Chronic Respiratory Conditions (including asthma)
- Chronic kidney disease
- or lowered immunity due to steroid medication or cancer treatment

... then you will be eligible for an Influenza Vaccination.

Our clinics will be on the following dates:

Saturday 10th October 08:30-12.30 at Drayton

Saturday 17th October 08:30-12:30 at St Faiths

Saturday 24th October 08:30-12:30 at Drayton

As per previous years, we will offer 15 minute appointment slots to prevent long queues.

These slots will be available to book from Monday 21st September by ringing our appointments number 01603 264600.

Please try to call after 10.30am.

Atrial Fibrillation

The Practice is taking part in an initiative to find patients with an irregular heartbeat which we can find by taking your pulse.

If you are aged over 65 years, you will be offered the chance to have your pulse taken while you are with the nurse having your flu vaccination.

An irregular heartbeat may mean you have a condition called Atrial Fibrillation (AF). If you have AF which is not investigated and treated by your GP it may mean you are more likely to have a stroke.

If you are found to have an irregular pulse, you will be asked to come back to the surgery for further tests.

Swine flu

The Chief Medical Officer has advised General Practices to expect a rise in the number of swine flu cases this Autumn.

The National Pandemic Flu line continues to provide advice and assessment for patients who feel they have Swine Flu.

To contact the Pandemic Flu line, please phone

0800 1 513 100

Or visit their website

www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu

The most important thing to remember is to follow the Government's advice **STAY AT HOME**.

We are still waiting for further details from the Department of Health with regards to the National Swine Flu Vaccination Campaign. Details will be made available in both Drayton & St Faiths surgeries and on our website.

Drayton Pharmacy

The Drayton Pharmacy opened on the 3rd August 2009. The Pharmacy provides a wide range of NHS Pharmaceutical Services and is open 100 hours per week.



Monday—Friday 07:00-23:00

Saturday 08:00-20:00

Sunday 09:00-17:00

Drayton Surgery

Those of you who have visited the Surgery recently will have noticed that we have refurbished the reception area. We have new lighting, floors, chairs and reception desk. We hope this will improve your experience when visiting the Surgery.

St Faiths Surgery

We are decorating the outside of St Faiths Surgery during September and will be decorating the waiting room and installing new blinds later this Autumn. We will also be purchasing some new chairs for the waiting room which have been kindly funded by patient donations.

Useful Contact Details

Appointments **01603 264600**
Enquiries **01603 867532**
Fax **01603 261497**
Text number **07781 482740**
(for cancelling appointments only)
NHSDirect **0845 46 47**
 www.nhsdirect.co.uk

website: www.drayton-stfaiths.co.uk
e-mail: mail@drayton-stfaiths.co.uk
(for general email enquires to the practice)
appointments@drayton-stfaiths.co.uk
(for cancelling appointments only)

Ordering Repeat Prescriptions



We have made some important changes to the way you can order your repeat prescriptions.

Telephone

We have now introduced a telephone answering service for ordering your repeat prescriptions. These are unmanned mailboxes that will be available 24 hours a day.

Drayton patients should dial 01603 264639

St Faiths patients should dial 01603 710812

Email

We have changed the email addresses for ordering your repeats.

If you normally pick up your prescription from our Drayton Surgery, you should now use drayton.dispensary@nhs.net

If you normally pick up your prescription from our St Faiths Surgery you, should now use stfaiths.dispensary@nhs.net

Online

If you have internet access, we recommend you use our "Online Services". This secure service allows you to easily see which repeats are available to reorder, and you can also book appointments online. If you would like to sign up for this service please inform one of our reception team or one of our dispensers.

Staff News

We have welcomed a new GP Registrar to the Practice, Dr Rachel Christie who will be with us until February 2010.

Good luck to Kate (dispenser) and Katie (receptionist) who have both left the Surgery to go on maternity leave and will be back with us next year.

Congratulations to Karen (Practice Nurse) who has successfully completed her COPD course.