



## Parish Fields Newsletter January 2024

Happy New Year from us all at Parish Fields. We have lots of exciting things to update you all on:

As you may know, our Senior Partner Dr Michelle McCarthy retired last August. Dr Christopher Thorneley is our new Senior Partner, and we have welcomed a new female GP to the Practice, Dr Emmaline Green.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to our current Practice Manager, Debra Wade, at the end of February. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the work she has done for the Practice over the past few years, during some very challenging times, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We will therefore be welcoming a new Practice Manager this Spring.

We will also be saying goodbye to our Nurse Practitioner Anne Lingley, who will be retiring in March. Thank you for all your hard work, Anne, we wish you the best in your retirement. We still have our other Nurse Practitioner Sarah Ireland with us, and our Practice Nurse Diane Bryan is underway with her training to become a Nurse Practitioner.

We would also like to welcome our new Clinical Pharmacist Dr Michael Austin to the Practice. Dr Austin joined us in July last year and has been supporting us by seeing patients and dealing with medication reviews and queries. We have also recently welcomed our new Paramedic, Daniel Middleton. Daniel will be seeing patients at the Practice, as well as visiting care homes and doing home visits. Welcome to the team!

As you may know, we had building work carried out in 2022 to improve the Practice. This has certainly been beneficial, as it has enabled us to take on more staff and we have filled all the new clinical rooms.

As part of the PCN we have First Contact Physios, a mental health worker and a social prescriber working at the Practice on different days. They all assist in helping to provide more care and support for our patients in their own specialised fields.

Can we please ask that patients make sure they update their mobile and landline numbers as well as their address with us, to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details to contact you.

Unfortunately, there are occasions where we have to take down our Footfall service, for example if we have staff shortages. We try to keep this to a minimum but in these instances, we ask for your patience and understanding.

On our Practice website homepage, there is a link to download the NHS app. If you haven't already, please download this free app to access a range of NHS services online.

We are currently still carrying out flu vaccinations up until the end of March, so if you would like a flu jab, please book an appointment.

We have a Patient Participation Group (PPG) here at the Practice, made up of registered patients who are keen to support and improve the Practice. We are always keen for new members, if you would like to sign up, please fill in the form on the Practice website or contact the Practice Manager.

Happy New Year!  
Parish Fields Practice