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www.dukesavenuepractice.co.uk

Retirement of Dr Rosemarie Healy

A personal message from Dr Healy:

To the patients of Dukes Avenue Practice

I would like to let you know that I have decided to retire.

I have been a doctor at Dukes Avenue Practice for 30 years – this has been a rich and rewarding experience. It has been a privilege to be a GP to our patients and part of such a committed team. I would like to thank all the patients who have sent messages of support and good will to me during my recent illness. It has been much appreciated. I am now well.

I am looking forward to my retirement and wish you all the very best in the future.

With best wishes Dr Rosemarie Healy

Message from the partners

We are of course very sad that Dr Healy will be retiring from the practice. The partners at Dukes Avenue Practice have enjoyed a long, fruitful and happy relationship, and Dr Healy has been an enormously valued and highly respected partner. We feel that we have been able to offer an exceptional standard of NHS care along with the rest of our wonderful team, and we will continue to do so.

We are very pleased that she is now well following her recent illness. We understand that many patients might wish to write their own individual message and we are more than happy to collect these and pass these on to Dr Healy.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Nikki Jones as a permanent member of our team. She will be taking over Dr Healy's list of patients. If Dr Healy was your usual doctor, please now see Dr Jones.

Register for Patient Access Online

Would you like to view, book and cancel appointments online? Think of the time you could save!

Bring in a form of photographic ID to reception and they will give you a code so you can access the site to do this.

Through this site you are also able to view, request and check the progress of requested prescriptions online.

The third thing you can do on this site is view your medication and allergies.

Saturday appointments

We are part of a local GP Federation, whereby until the start of July 2015 (although it may be extended), we have the ability to offer Saturday appointments to you.

They take place at Christchurch Hall Surgery in Crouch End and are staffed by Doctors and Nurses from local West Haringey practices, including our own.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from patients who have used this service. They have really valued the increased access to primary care services.

From 1st April 2015 all patients are allocated a named GP. This happens upon registration. Feel free to ask at reception if you do not know who yours is.

Vaccinations

There is a new vaccination called **Meningitis B** that is due to come into the National Childhood Immunisation Programme, potentially from autumn.

We are waiting to hear about the specifics of it and when it will start but we know that it will be offered to babies ages 2, 4 and 12 months. As soon as we know more and when we are starting, we will publicise it.

Shingles

If you are 70, 78 or 79, please check to see if you are eligible for the shingles vaccination. The date of birth eligibility age ranges are changed each September, so act now.

Calling all over 65's - Have you had your **pneumococcal** vaccine? If not, book in today.

CQC inspection & feedback

We had a Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection on Monday 19th
January. We are still waiting the report but we think it went well and over a dozen members of our patient group came to given the inspectors their views.

Another way you can give feedback to us is through the friends and family cards in the waiting room.

Alternatively, why not join our patient participation group? We're next meeting on Thursday 25th June at 7pm.