



PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

August 2021

BANK HOLIDAY AUGUST CLOSURE

The surgery will be closed on **MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2021** and re-open on **Tuesday 31 August 2021**

STAFF INFORMATION

You will notice a few new faces in our Reception - we would like to welcome Angelika, Shannon and Mandy. We have said goodbye to Lindsay, Mandy and Sian.

We have a new Nurse Practitioner Claire Francis who has started with us and we will be welcoming some further GP Registrars this month including the return of Dr Vlad Dancea. Sadly that means that we will be saying goodbye to registrars Dr Chiemeka Okpala and Dr Sidney Chinagorom but we wish them well on the next stage of their journey.

Cecilia Young will be joining our nursing team at the end of August and we are sadly saying goodbye to Julia Sharp. Should anyone wish to send Julia their best wishes then we can pass them on for you.

HOSPITAL REFERRALS AND APPOINTMENTS

During Covid the hospitals had to close some of the clinics; most of them are now running again. Please be aware that whilst clinics were not running they were still accepting referrals and so there is going to be a backlog and a wait to be seen. Please be patient, you can expect to wait up to 12 weeks for an appointment which is the normal waiting time for a routine appointment. You can also expect to wait a little bit longer for x-rays, MRI's, CT scans and Echocardiograms.

The appointment line for Lincoln County Hospital, should you wish to see where your referral is on the waiting list, is 01522 573200 Option 1, this is the same number for follow up appointments but choose Option 2 or contact your consultant's secretary who should be able to help you.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

We have recently seen the arrival of our new Engage touch screen Blood Pressure reader. This is to be installed in our reception area to give everyone the chance to record their BP prior to seeing a clinician. The result will automatically be recorded within your medical record.

Thank you so much to our PPG for all of their hard work to enable us to have such an important and up to date piece of equipment.

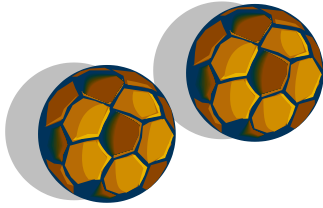


E-MAIL ADDRESSES

As you are aware during Covid we have been emailing you your Fit Notes. Please could you make sure that you keep your e-mail address up to date on our system in order that we can still do this although now you are able to come to reception and pick them up. If you do ask for a Fit Note to be e-mailed via Ask My GP then please could you put your preferred e-mail address in the body of the text so that the admin team know where you would like it sent as this is really helpful.



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**Grantham Meres Leisure Centre, , Trent Road
Grantham, NG31 7XQ**

Welcome to MAN v FAT Grantham. This league launches on September 6th 2021 – Beat the crowd and sign up now to secure a place as once leagues are launched, spaces go quickly! You may qualify for funding via Lincolnshire County Council if you live in a participating postcode area - you'll be able to see if you're eligible before you make a payment to register.

To sign up visit www.manvfatfootball.org/grantham