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Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Clinical Pharmacist Daud Khawaja to Greystoke. Here he is to introduce himself...

I have only recently been fortunate enough to join Greystoke in December. Born and brought up in Newcastle, and I studied Masters of Pharmacy at Sunderland University. I am a Primary Care Network Pharmacist, My background is mainly working as hospital Pharmacist, I have covered areas, such A&E, Urgent Care, Acute, Surgery & Orthopaedics, and Care of the Elderly. I also work part time as a Chemotherapy Pharmacist, for Northumbria Healthcare. My areas of interest are Mental Health, Neurology, and Cancer and Aseptic Services. As a Practice-based Pharmacist I can deal with all problems relating to medications, this may involve scenarios such as switching over to alternative medicine, reviewing medication you may be on and appropriateness of said medicine, minor ailments advice and much more. Outside of work

I am an avid football supporter, whilst I also love engaging my free time in philosophy, and learning about history!



We say goodbye to Dr Laura Murphy. Dr Murphy is currently 6 months into her GP training and has made a fantastic start to it. She has immensely enjoyed her time at Greystoke and is moving on to the Accident and Emergency attachment of her GP training. We would like to wish her the very best for the remainder of her GP training.

Covid 19 update

As lockdown continues, the practice continues to work through the groups of vulnerable patients delivering the Covid 19 vaccination. At this moment in time, we are unable to ascertain whether patients will be receiving the Pfizer-Biotech or Astra-Zeneca vaccinations as we are very much at the mercy of the higher powers that be with regards to vaccination distribution and delivery.

We would like to emphasise the importance of following the government guidelines that are continue to be in place. Unfortunately there have been a number of reports that individuals who have been vaccinated have flouted the rules, but it is incredibly important to remember that even though you are vaccinated, you may still pass the virus on to someone else who is vulnerable.



You will be contacted in due course when it is your turn to have the vaccination. Please may we respectfully ask you not to contact the practice to ask when you are due your vaccination in order to keep our busy phone lines as free as possible. We would like to thank all our patients for their continued patience during these challenging times.

Shingles vaccination

As well as the national vaccination campaign for Covid 19, there is a huge drive to get eligible people vaccinated against shingles. Shingles is a reactivation of chicken pox and causes a painful and sometimes itchy rash in a localised distribution with blistering. It can lead to a painful condition called post herpetic neuralgia after the rash has disappeared. Being vaccinated against this can prevent significant complications from shingles. We aim to have all 80 year olds vaccinated against Shingles and will be contacting eligible patients in the future for this.

