

Staunton & Corse Surgery

Patient Participation Group Newsletter

Spring 2024



Welcome

This is the Spring 2024 edition of the PPG Newsletter.

Our most recent PPG meeting was held on Wednesday 6th March 2024.



Staff Update

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Dr Ope Ajayi from April 2024. Dr Ajayi will be joining a GP Partnership in the Forest of Dean.

Dr Ajayi has been a key member of the Staunton and Corse Team and will be greatly missed by staff and patients.

We also bid farewell to Jenny Odell, our Nurse Manager and Advanced Nurse Practitioner, from the end of May 2024. Jenny has been with us since April 2020 and has been an integral part of the Team, she has developed excellent patient care within the practice. Jenny will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best in her career progression.

Due to moving, we also say farewell to Vanessa on 21st March 2024, one of our Reception Team...we wish Vanessa all the very best.

We are delighted to announce that Dr Jess Somerton will be returning to the practice as a permanent Salaried GP from Autumn 2024.

We are also excited to announce the promotion of Karina Blackwell, Nurse Practitioner to Nurse Manager...Congratulations!!

We have also extended the fixed term contract for Haroon Shahzad, Physicians Associate, until November 2024.

We are currently advertising for a Receptionist and Healthcare Assistant.

During the period of Dr Ope Ajayi leaving and Dr J Somerton joining the practice, we have engaged with two locum GP's to join us regularly and provide the same level of GP appointments.

Dr Christina Bhargava and Dr Andrew Hughes will be working with us from April 2024

Pharmaceutical Recycling



Return unopened, unused and out of date medicines to the Dispensary or any Pharmacy for disposal.



Do not flush unused medication down the toilet as water treatment plants are not equipped to remove pharmaceuticals from wastewater. Those medications could affect the environment and endanger public health.



Inhalers should not be put in the household waste or recycling bin as they contain greenhouse gases, which are harmful to the environment. Instead, they should be returned to the Dispensary to be disposed of safely.



The cardboard box that houses the blister pack can be recycled in your home recycling bin along with the paper inserts.



If your tablets or vitamins come in a hard plastic tube, bottle or pot, the empty containers can go into your home recycling bin.



For those patients that use single use insulin pens (Novo Nordisk products Only), why not ask the Dispensary Team about the Pencycle scheme.
www.pen-cycle.co.uk



Foil blister packs cannot go into your home recycling bin as they are made up of a mixture of materials.

Superdrug Pharmacies and Boots offer a blister pack recycling scheme.

www.superdrug.com/dgfs/waste-recycling/Medicine-Recycling

<https://www.boots.com/shopping/boots-recycling-scheme/blister-pack-recycling>

If your blister packs aren't quite empty, but you no longer require the medicines, then return these to the Dispensary or any pharmacy for disposal.



Suggestion Box

There is now a PPG Suggestion Box available in the Waiting Area. This is managed by the PPG and all suggestions discussed at the quarterly PPG meetings.



Carers

Do you help to look after somebody with care needs?

Would you like to get some time to yourself?

Would you like to try new things and meet new people?

Why not drop into one of our Carers Coffee sessions.

This is a free event held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1pm at the Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent.

No need to book, just pop along.

If you care for a friend or relative, please let the practice know. We can then add you to our Carers Register.



Message from Partners – March 2024

Please see link below to view a message from the Partners or visit our website:

[A Message to our Patients | Staunton & Corse Surgery \(stauntonsurgery.co.uk\)](http://stauntonsurgery.co.uk)



Patients who did not attend their appointments:

From December 2023 to February 2024, **260** patients failed to arrive for their booked appointment. This equates to 5814 minutes = 97 hours of wasted appointment time.

This is a significant increase compared to the previous 3 months data.

If you are unable to attend your appointment, **please** call Reception on 01452 840228 at the earliest convenience...your appointment could be used for another patient that same day.

