**Brookside Surgery**

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**FLU & COVID VACCINATIONS**

Appointments are still available to book, either by calling reception or online through the NHS App or Patient Access.

**CHILDREN AGED 2 & 3 YEARS**

As in previous years, children aged 2 and 3 as of 31st August 2024 are eligible for a nasal flu vaccine. Appointments are available with our nurses.

**SOCIAL PRESCRIBING**

Social prescribing – sometimes referred to as community referral – is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other health and care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.

Recognising that people’s health is determined primarily by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, social prescribing seeks to address people’s needs in a holistic way. It also aims to support individuals to take greater control of their own health.

We are pleased to work with our Social Prescriber, Emma, who can help patients to access a variety of social prescribing schemes, typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations. Examples include volunteering, arts activities, group learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice and a range of sports.

**RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL (RSV) VACCINE**

We are continuing to book appointments for the RSV vaccine so if you have had an invitation from us and haven’t yet booked then please contact the Reception team. Unfortunately, this vaccine cannot be given at the same time as the flu vaccine so a separate appointment will be required. For more information go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv)

**ORDERING REPEAT MEDICATION**

Patients can order your repeat medication by:-

* NHS App or Patient Access online account
* Paper request using the repeat slip given out with your medication – **there is a new box just inside reception so no need to wait if there is a queue for dispensary**
* Submit an online request via our website

If you have any medication queries then please call and speak to our Care Navigators who will arrange for a Dispenser to contact you or you can submit an online request.

Our dispensary staff will be continuing to help patients with this transition and if you have any concerns then please speak to one of them.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

For the very latest news please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

**PRACTICE LEARNING EVENT**

The surgery will be closed for training on Wednesday 20th November from 1-5.00pm.

**NEW STAFF**

We are delighted to welcome Polly to the Brookside Dispensary Team, Some of you may well recognise her from her previous role as a phlebotomist and dispenser in Coventry.