



Hi everyone,

Thank you all for registering with the Patient Reference Group. The initial response has been encouraging, and certainly involves a good cross section of age groups with diverse requirements.

The intention is to pass to you, as much information as possible to keep you informed of the changes that are occurring which could affect you and the health services in the local area and the Surgery.

There is a desire to increase the membership of this group, so if you could forward this set of information to any of your friends, contacts etc., who are registered at the Surgery that would be great, ideally asking them to register on the website www.dorridgesurgery.co.uk via the blue button on the left hand nav. Bar.

At some stage in the future feedback would be useful to enable the Patients Voice to be heard.

Meanwhile.....

FLU JAB



After the three Saturday flu clinics, and the nurse appointments booked for those that could not make the Saturdays'.....Just over 2,300 children and eligible adult patients received an inoculation!

SHINGLES

Whilst on the subject of vaccinations, there is a scheme, for the older members amongst us, to obtain a vaccine to prevent Shingles, a common and very painful skin disease. The age related eligibility is quite specific. For more information please go to :

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/shingles-vaccination.aspx>

PNEUMONIA

The pneumococcal vaccine protects against serious and potentially fatal pneumococcal infections. It's also known as the pneumonia vaccine.

Pneumococcal infections are caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and can lead to pneumonia, septicaemia (a kind of blood poisoning) and meningitis. A pneumococcal infection can affect anyone. However, some people are at higher risk of serious illness and can be given the pneumococcal vaccination on the NHS. These include:

babies

adults aged 65 or over

children and adults with certain long-term health conditions, such as a serious heart or kidney condition.

For more information please go to :

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/pneumococcal-vaccination.aspx>

You may be aware of changes that are taking place both in the Secondary Acute Care, with the merger of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and The Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust.

There is increased co-operation within the Primary Care Sector, where **Birmingham Cross City, Birmingham Central/South** and **Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups** are coming together to commission services with one voice to improve the service to you and me.

Information is coming to hand and it is hoped, we will be in touch shortly, to bring you up to date on the intentions and the progress.

Meanwhile.....

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations go to Dr Farhat Mahmood, on the birth of a daughter Amal. During her maternity leave Dr Sandeep Poorun (Male) will be covering her clinics.

More news soon.

