

VINE HOUSE SURGERY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

OUR CLINICAL TEAM

Dr Baker (2 days a week)

Dr Mucherla (4 days a week)

Dr Jurgita (4 days a week)

Dr Ivonnet (3 days a week)

Dr VanBiljon (2 days a week)

Sasha McIntosh – Nurse Practitioner (4 days a week)

Claire Nicholls – Nurse Practitioner (4 days a week)

Elizabeth Reader – Care Co-Ordinator (5 days a week)

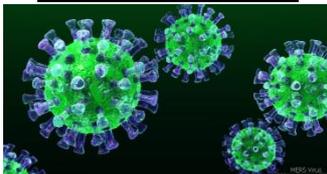
STAFF



Dr Van Bilon has joined the surgery as a GP Partner working 2 days per week

Dr Ivonnet has joined the surgery as an international GP working days per week

THE CORONAVIRUS



We are aware that patients may have concerns about their Covid vaccination, following the recent media coverage of EU countries suspending the use of the Astra Zeneca/Oxford vaccination. Further to the advice of the UK Medicines Regulators, we are continuing to administer this vaccine at the vaccination centre at The Meres, but for first vaccinations Pfizer is used for the under 40s. If you have concerns, we suggest that you review the guidance from the MHRA or contact the practice

Please be assured that as soon as we are able to offer vaccinations to your eligible cohort (see below), you will be offered an opportunity to take up an appointment. In the

meantime, please ensure that you follow the latest government guidance found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

The full guidance regarding priority groups can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation-advice-on-priority-groups-for-covid-19-vaccination-30-december-2020>

Please note the Meres leisure centre is now available via the national booking system

Our vaccination centre has now administered over 100000 vaccines

FACE MASKS/ Coverings



We would firstly like to thank all patients who have visited the Practice for wearing a face covering.

We know that this can feel strange and uncomfortable, make glasses fog up and make communicating with others harder but by doing this you are protecting the most vulnerable members of our community, so thank you, it really is appreciated.

We have had an increase in requests from patients for letters of exemption to wearing face masks in various public settings over the last few days.

In England, you must by law wear a face covering on public transport, and in shops and supermarkets

The Government guidance suggests there is no requirement for evidence for exemption. It should be sufficient for someone to declare that they are eligible for an exemption directly with the person questioning them (e.g. bus driver).

Whilst we would urge you to wear a face covering if you possibly can to protect those around you we do know that for some people this raises particular extreme challenges.

There is no exemption certificate and we as a practice are unable to provide letters of support for those who fall under the list of exemptions, or to those who do not fall under the list of exemptions however the attached card can be printed and used to help explain why you aren't wearing a face covering if you are unable to do so. [B19-Mask-Exemption-Cards](#)

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



To chase a referral made to Grantham, Lincoln or Boston please call the NEW APPOINTMENTS OFFICE: 01522 573200 and select option 1

To chase a referral made to Nottingham (City or QMC) please call the NEW APPOINTMENTS OFFICE: 01159249924 and enter extension number 65392

To chase an X-Ray, Ultrasound or CT scan at Grantham please call 01476 464285

To chase an MRI scan at Grantham please call 01476 464880

NHS 111



Think you need medical help right now? NHS 111 is available online, as well as over the phone! NHS 111 is much more than a helpline – if you're worried about an urgent medical concern, call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)



The aim of a PPG is to represent patient's views, support diversity and to work in partnership with the Practice to improve common understanding; help patients to take more responsibility for their health; contribute to improvements of service and quality of care and work towards better and improved communications. Our next meeting will be on the 6th July 2021 at 12pm via Microsoft teams due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Minutes from our previous PPG meetings can be viewed on our practice website www.vinemedical.com

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC)



We are delighted to report that following our Care Quality Commission inspection in June 2016 the practice has been awarded a “**GOOD**” rating. The full report can be seen on the website below.

WWW.CQC.ORG.UK