

# EMMER GREEN SURGERY NEWSLETTER – AUGUST EDITION

## Autumn COVID and FLU vaccines update



We will be looking to start our vaccinations in October 2022.

Emmer Green Surgery staff will be administering COVID vaccines alongside your annual flu vaccination. (These will be done together to ensure maximum protection over the coming winter months)

Please note: The Mass Vaccinations Centres will **NOT** be offering flu vaccines to any patients that attend.

The JCVI advises that for the 2022 autumn booster programme the following groups should be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine:

Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults

Frontline health and social care workers

All adults aged 50 years and over

Patients aged 16 to 64 years in a clinical risk group,

Carers and anyone living with an immunosuppressed relation.

Please **DO NOT** call the Surgery to enquire about the booking your appointment.

We will invite you when we have vaccine in stock and have invited each cohort of patients in order.

### MONTHLY STATISTICS

*In the month of July, we offered 724 face to face appointments with a GP.*

*37 face to face appointments were not attended by the patient.*

*Please can we ask: If you cannot make your appointment, to let the surgery know so this can go to another patient who needs it. Thank You.*



## **COMMUNITY PHARMACY** **CONSULTATION SERVICE AND WHY** **YOU MIGHT BE REFERRED BY YOUR** **GP SURGERY.**

The NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) is a national advanced Service to refer patients for any minor illnesses. The pharmacist will advise on any treatment that is needed and prescribe any over the counter medications.

It is estimated that 6% of all GP consultations, which is 20.4 million appointments per year, could be safely transferred to a community pharmacy.

There's good evidence to suggest that the advice given by community pharmacists, as part of a consultation about symptoms of minor illnesses, will result in the same outcome as if the patient went to see their GP or attended an emergency department.

The purpose of the GP CPCS is to reduce the burden on general practices by referring patients needing advice and treatment for certain minor illnesses from a GP practice to a community pharmacist.

Its aim is to make sure that patients have access to the same levels of care, close to home and with a self-care emphasis.

Community pharmacists will work closely with the local GP teams to reduce pressure on GP appointments.

This will help to create some additional capacity for the practice to book patients into appointments that might, otherwise, have been filled that day, or in a few weeks' time depending on the nature of the symptoms the patient reports.

Only patients who have been referred from their GP practice are eligible to receive advice and treatment under this service.

An electronic transfer of data to support the referral will be sent from the general practice to a local community pharmacy.

Patients who wish to consult their GP or other health care provider for their condition are still free to do so.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**WE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO A BANK HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - If you require urgent medical advice during this time, please call 111 to speak to the Out of Hours Service who are covering.**