



## KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021

Our Newsletter can be viewed on our website [www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk) , or by email upon request.

### WELCOME

A sincere thank you to all our patients for your ongoing support and co-operation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working hard to provide safe, effective care remotely, and face-to-face appointments when needed. Please do not ignore health issues or ongoing medical conditions. Our doctors, nurses and support team are here for you.

### COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME SUCCESS

We are delighted with how The Mast Primary Care Network (PCN), is working together to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccination programme for patients of Kirkburton, Dearne Valley, Lepton and Kirkheaton, Shepley and Skelmanthorpe practices. **A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers and car park team**, who continue to work tirelessly to ensure a safe, efficient experience for our patients.

We are working through groups in priority order, as set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). We are currently focusing on Cohort six, those aged 16 to 64 with an underlying health condition, and our second dose vaccination patients.

**Please do not ring the practice to try and book a vaccine. We will contact you when your vaccination is due.**

**When we do contact you, act immediately and make sure you attend your appointment.**

**Please: wear a face covering unless exempt; use the intercom on arrival; sanitise your hands; have your temperature checked.**

**It is important that when you have received both doses of the vaccine, you must continue to follow Government guidance on social distancing.**

## PATIENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENTS – DECEMBER - FEBRUARY



“ I really needed the appointment that you didn't turn up to...”

GP appointment?  
Can't make it?  
Don't need it?

**CANCEL IT!**

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6%</b>

If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, call 01484 602040 or email [reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net](mailto:reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net). Thank you for your co-operation.

## SOCIAL PRESCRIBING LINK WORKER ANN SWEENEY

Health and wellbeing can be affected by many things, such as feeling isolated, lonely, stressed, or living with a health condition. Our Social Prescribing Link Worker, Ann, works across the Mast Primary Care Network practices. Her role is to offer one-to-one support, listen to what matters, and put patients in touch with people and activities that will help to make them feel better. Ann said: “Although many activities and groups are currently on hold, social prescribing is making an important contribution through staying in touch with people who are feeling lonely or isolated.”



Referrals can be made to Ann through our doctors or nurses, or by contacting the Practice. To find out more, please visit our Social Prescribing web page [Social Prescribing | Kirklees Council](#).



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### REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please make sure you have enough medication to last you over the Early May Bank Holiday (3rd May) and Spring Bank Holiday (31<sup>st</sup> May).