**Park View Surgery Newsletter October/November 2024**

**Breast Screening**

Last year the NHS breast screening programme detected cancers in 18,942 women across England. Despite this, NHS data in 2022/2023 shows more than a third of women (35.4%) did not take up the offer of screening following an invitation. Around four in every 100 women screened are asked to come back for more tests after screening. Of these four women, one will be found to have cancer, with screening preventing an estimated 1,300 deaths from breast cancer each year in the UK.

Dr Louise Wilkinson, NHS National Speciality Adviser for Breast Screening and Consultant Radiologist, said:

“Screening can often pick up breast cancer before you can even see or feel any changes to your breasts yourself and your mammographer will do everything she can to make the experience as comfortable as possible for you, which is why I would urge anyone invited to take up the offer.”

**The breast screening mobile screening unit is returning to Preston on the 14th November 2024. If you have received your invite and not yet booked your appointment please call 01524 518699.**

**Practice Updates**

* **Extended Hours:** We continue to offer appointments during our extended hours Monday - Friday from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. This is part of our commitment to making healthcare more accessible to you. We also offer weekend appointments 9 am – 5 pm on Saturdays and 9 am – 12 pm on Sundays. Please ask reception for information.
* **Flu Vaccinations:** Don’t forget to get your flu vaccination! Appointments are available at the surgery please book this at reception or by calling the surgery.
* **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** We value your feedback and encourage you to join our Patient Participation Group. We would like the PPG to meet quarterly to discuss ways to improve our services. If you are interested in joining, please contact Joanna at 01772 972227.

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| Winter pressuresDuring Winter, GP surgeries usually experience increased patient demand. This has many causes, including cold weather and peaks of common infections. We are working closely with relevant services to ensure all patients are cared for in the safest possible place and treated as quickly as possible. All patients will be signposted to the right place for their needs, this can include their local pharmacy under the Pharmacy First Consultation Service. The Pharmacy First consultation service enables patients to be referred into community pharmacy for a minor illness or an urgent repeat medicine supply. This service will provide patients with quicker and more convenient access to safe and high-quality healthcare.World Diabetes Day logo or banner with blood illustration ...In October 2024, Park View Surgery sent 146 referrals to local pharmacists, this saved 21 hours of clinical appointments for patients who need them most.World Diabetes Day World Diabetes Day takes place on the 14th of Novemberevery year. It has grown from humble beginnings to become a globally celebrated event which increases awareness about diabetes.The aim is to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family and support network of those affected, as well as promoting the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of diabetes. |