



# Princes Street Gazette

## WINTER 2009 Edition: 16

### FLU CAMPAIGN



Our flu clinics are well underway but if you are eligible and have not yet had your vaccination please contact reception to find out when the next drop-in clinic will be or to make a booked appointment to have your flu vaccination. Remember its in your interest to have this injection to safeguard yourself throughout the next few months.

Swine Flu clinics are also being held and if you are in one of the Government's 'At Risk' categories you will be contacted by the practice and offered an appointment. Please be patient, supplies of the vaccine are limited and we are working our way through the Practice population. Further information and links about Swine Flu is

available on our website at [www.princesstreetsurgery.com](http://www.princesstreetsurgery.com)

### Keep Well/Hearty Lives

The practice continues to be involved in the Keep Well/Hearty Lives project, a new health programme designed to keep you as well as possible.

If you receive an invitation, either by phone or letter to attend the assessment, we strongly advise you to take up the offer.

### REPEAT PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

Please remember that we require two FULL working days excluding holidays and weekends to have ready any prescriptions you may require. Emma is happy to help with any queries you may have - just ask at reception.

Please do not expect prescriptions to be done as you wait. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate supplies of your medication. SO...

Please remember to order in plenty of time so that you do not run out of your medicines over the Christmas/New Year period.

### GP TRAINING

Our practice has been involved in the educational training of doctors for over 20 years and there is enthusiastic commitment from the whole team to ensuring that this role continues. We currently have two doctors who are GP Trainers and we strongly believe that this commitment to training ensures that we remain at the forefront of changes happening within General Practice so helping us to provide quality care to our patients.

Our current GP Registrar is Dr Eva Vesella. We also regularly have Foundation Year doctors, ST1 Doctors and medical students attached to the practice and we are grateful for the support they receive from the patients.

We occasionally use video records of consultations for teaching purposes and may ask for your written consent for this to be done. This is to assess the doctor's performance only. Please be assured that if you prefer not to have your consultation recorded it will not affect your treatment. These videos are kept secure and erased as soon as their teaching role is finished..

### PRINCES STREET NEWS

Dr Din will be returning to work in January after being off on maternity leave. It will be good to see her back but sad to see Dr Chris Arnold leave us. Dr Arnold has been locuming with us over the last 15 months and has been a most welcome addition to our team. Chris - we are sorry to lose you on a regular basis but hope you will join us from time to time when we need additional help.

### HELP US TO HELP YOU

From time to time there is a need for the surgery to contact you. Please ensure we are kept up-to-date with any change of addresses or telephone numbers. A mobile number as well as a landline can be helpful too.

### ZERO TOLERANCE!

The Doctors and staff at Princes Street Surgery will not tolerate rude or abusive behaviour to any members of staff. Any such behaviour will result in removal from our list.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The practice will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 25 and Monday 28  
December 2009

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January and Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 2010

If you require medical advice  
when the surgery is closed please  
call:

0845 4242424

**COMMENTS OR  
SUGGESTIONS**

We welcome any suggestions or  
comments you may have.