

News from Woodchurch Surgery

Something happened just after the last newsletter was published in the Parish Magazine – Omicron. Having given notice on doing more Phase 3 jabs suddenly it was all hands to the syringes again. We have put on a number of weekday clinics, a couple at the weekends, and together the team have rallied round and tried to help the ambitious target of “boosting” just about everyone. It is hard to believe what has happened in just one month and so sad that many positive tests locally have disrupted so many Christmas plans.

We have more clinics and the uptake is beginning to slow again so please if you haven't had a booster please get in touch with us to book in. We are allowed to vaccinate those who are over 18 years old and had the 2nd vaccine over 3 months ago.

Our searches show that 541 of you are eligible for the booster and haven't got an appointment booked to have it. We have 162 jabs left within this order so hurry fast before stocks run dry! The next clinic availability is on Saturday 8th January.

New staff to the team – Perrie will be joining the admin team in January and Pamela will be starting as a “Social Prescriber” for younger people to help Helen Brown for the PCN. We look forward to working with them both and hope you give them the usual welcome.

We must give you all a massive “thank you” for generous gifts that have come our way in the festive season. Even a kind word is a great lift to the team but I know that they also all enjoyed anything that was consumable. I'll be spending the New Year dreaming of Summer holidays although, with the speed that Omicron has hit us, planning a week in advance seems tricky. Who knows what 2022 has in stall for us but I know from experience that the community will pull together and deliver.

On behalf of the Surgery I wish everyone an optimistic and fruitful 2022! Please respond to this “final call” for the 8th January.

Best wishes, Jack Hickey - GP