

News from Holbrook and Shotley Surgery

Appointments

With summer holiday season upon us, our doctors and staff will be taking annual leave over the coming months. We endeavour to use a small number of locum GPs who regular work at our surgery and who know our patients to ensure we provide enough appointments. Unfortunately, this means that you may not be able to see the doctor of your choice for a few weeks. We generally have appointments available if you cannot wait, though you may have to see a different doctor or go to the other site.

Training afternoons

Our next training afternoons will be Thursday 11th September and Wednesday 15th October when the Practice will be shut from 1pm. If you need medical advice on this afternoon, please ring 111, or dial 999 if this is urgent.

Warm Homes Scheme

As the weather warms up, it is a good opportunity to review your home's heating and insulation. The Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People scheme offers free home energy surveys to people who own their homes or are in private rented accommodation. To qualify there should be someone living in the property who is over 60 or under 5 and the annual household income is less than £17,000 with less than £5000 in savings. As well as providing advice on steps you can take to reduce your energy bills, you will be assessed for whether you qualify for a grant towards the cost of insulation, draught proofing and other energy efficiency measures. Call 08456 037 686 to find out more or to book a survey. If you do not qualify but would still like advice on making improvements to your home's energy efficiency visit Suffolk Energy Action's website on www.suffolkenergyaction.org or call 0800 840 9090.

Over 75s named GP

All patients aged 75 and over will by now have received a letter advising them of their 'named GP'. This GP will have overall responsibility for your care and support, however, please be reassured that you may continue to see any of the doctors at the surgery, as you do now.

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