

News from Holbrook and Shotley Surgery

Proactive Care Programme

The practice has been asked to identify a number of patients who would be most at risk of a hospital admission. These patients have been written to and a doctor will be contacting them over the coming months to set up a care plan. It may be that an informal plan is already in place and this will be formalised into a written document. The plan covers details such as next of kin, significant medical history, current medications, emergency planning, preferred place of care and any special communication or physical considerations.

Training afternoons

We apologise to those patients who were unaware that we were closed on the afternoon of 17th July and who were unable to collect medications. We were advised only two weeks previous to this that the CCG had put on an additional training session and fell short in our efforts to communicate this to our patients. We have listened to your comments and will be putting up more notices for the future as well as changing the answer phone message. The training session dates are set by the CCG and it is important for all staff and GPs to attend. The next sessions are on Thursday 11th September and Wednesday 15th October.

Flu vaccinations

Dates have been set for our flu vaccination clinics as follows:

Tuesday 30th September 2.00 – 6.30pm at Holbrook

Thursday 2nd October 2.00 – 6.30pm at Shotley

Wednesday 8th October 2.00 – 6.30pm at Holbrook

Thursday 16th October 2.00 - 6.30pm at Shotley

Please remember that you can attend either site. All patients over 65 are eligible and those eligible who are under 65 will be sent a letter.

Poppies

Thank you to all who knitted poppies for the WWI Centenary event at St Mary's Church East Bergholt. The display featured over 2,000 poppies and a moving array of paintings depicting lines from the poem 'For the Fallen' along with memorabilia and researched articles on local men who lost their lives during the Great War. The poppies made the event very personal and the Church extremely colourful.

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