

## News from Holbrook and Shotley Surgery

### Flu vaccinations

If you have missed our flu clinics but still need a flu vaccination, please contact our reception and ask to book into one of our catch up clinics.

### Adult and Community Services (ACS) in our surgeries

Adult and Community Services (Social Care for 18+) offer a range of advice and support which could help you:

- A chance to discuss your situation
- Signposting to organisations that could give you the advice and support you need.
- Advice on simple equipment and what equipment could be provisioned to help you
- Advice on, for example, financial matters and the costs of care.
- Help (where appropriate) with accessing care and support.

ACS will be in our practices to speak to patients

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm in Shotley
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30pm in Holbrook

### Online Sharing

We may be asking you for your consent to add “Additional Information” to your Summary Care Record (SCR). For many people the idea of sharing their medical information can be concerning but the SCR is there for a very good reason. If, for example, you were on holiday in Devon and were taken to hospital following an accident, the consultants would have access to your demographic information, allergies, sensitivities and current medications. This will assist the consultant in deciding on the correct treatment for you. All patients are automatically opted into this (unless they have already opted out). Additional Information (AI) will include current medical problems, reason for medication, care plan information, communication preferences, end of life preferences and immunisations. This information could be vital if you are unable to give answers for yourself in an urgent situation so please think carefully before making your decision. More information can be found at

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Documents/2016/SCR-additional-information-leaflet.pdf>

### Online Prescriptions

Many patients may have received flyers from Pharmacies inviting them to get their prescriptions online.

Our Medical Practice has also moved to the new electronic prescription service but our dispensing patients need DO NOTHING MORE as they should not notice any difference.

**OUR DISPENSING PATIENTS DO NOT NEED TO SIGN UP TO A PHARMACY AS THEY ARE AUTOMATICALLY ALLOCATED TO GET THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS FROM THE DISPENSARY**

If you do sign up to receive your prescriptions from another pharmacy, you are free to change your mind at any time and elect to collect your prescriptions from us or any other pharmacy – **JUST LET US KNOW.**

### Training days

Our next training afternoons will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November when we will be shut from 1pm. Please ring 111 for advice if your query cannot wait until the following day. In an emergency, dial 999.

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