**ROSEWOOD PRACTICE NEWSLETTER –First Edition –November 2013**

**Rosewood Practice is happy to publish its first newsletter and we hope to publish its further editions every three months.**

**First of all we would like to welcome our new receptionists Maria Joannes to the staff team. We hope her association with the Practice will be a long and happy one.**

**The Practice is happy to announce the setting of its Patients’ Participation Group (PPG) on the 6th of this month. At present it has only 4 members but we hope that more patients will join the group and make it a successful group offering constructive views and ideas as to how the Practice can improve the services it offers to its patients. The first meeting between the PPG and the Practice took place in the Meeting room of Fountayne Road Health centre at 2pm on Wednesday the 6th of this month. Details of the agenda and minutes of this meeting have been published on the Practice website www.rosewood practice.nhs.uk. The next meeting of the PPG and the practice has been scheduled for Wednesday 4th December at 2pm in the meeting room of Fountayne Road health centre. Patients interested in joining the group, please speak to the Practice Administrator Sonia Kaur for a registration form.**

**The Practice is also launching a new service –OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING from Tuesday the 19th of this month and it will be led by Dr Shariff. This service is specifically aimed at female patients 50 years and above, male patients 75 years and above and those patients who have been on oral steroids for a long time and who are at risk of developing Osteoporosis (thinning of the bones leading to an increased risk of fractures due to falls). The aim of this service is to offer these patients advice on life style and preventative measures to stop them from developing Osteoporosis. The Osteoporosis screening clinic will be held every Tuesday from 2pm at the Practice. Patients who come under these eligible criteria are encouraged to book an appointment for this clinic with the receptionist.**

**FLU Clinic - If you still have not had your flu jab please book your appointment with the receptionist. Flu clinic will go on till mid February 2014.**

**Diabetic Dietician Clinic- Is held last Friday of every month, Diabetic patients are advised to book their appointments with the receptionist to see her.**

**Childhood Immunisation – There is a catch up immunisation clinic every last Tuesday of the month between 5-6 pm at Fountayne Road Community Clinic for children who have missed their immunisations.**