**NEW ARRIVAL**

**The practice is delighted to announce that Dr Keen is expecting a baby in April. She will be taking 12 months maternity leave starting mid March.**

**ON-LINE SERVICES**

**The practice currently has 22% of patients registered for on-line services and we would like to encourage more people to sign up for this. This enables you to request medication and book appointments without having to come in or phone the surgery. Anyone wanting to use the on-line services needs to come in to the surgery to complete an on-line registration form and is required to bring ID.**

**FIREARMS CERTIFICATES**

**From 1 April 2016 new information sharing processes between GPs and police were introduced by the Home Office. The practice now charges a £50 fee to complete firearms certificates.**

**ESCRICK CAR PARK**

**With immediate effect the car park will now be locked from 6pm each evening and all weekend.**

**PERTUSSIS**

**Pregnant patients will be sent a letter encouraging them to have a Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccination as soon as possible after their 20 week scan. The midwife will also discuss this with them.**

**WASTE OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES**

**The Vale of York CCG has launched a campaign to highlight the cost of waste prescription medicines. Patients are being encouraged to:-**

**Only order prescription items needed, especially if someone orders your prescriptions for you.**

**Tell your GP if you no longer need an item.**

**Check the bag before you leave the surgery and hand back any items you don’t need.**

**NORTH DUFFIELD POST OFFICE MEDICATION COLLECTIONS**

**The option to collect medication from North Duffield Post Office was implemented many years ago to enable the frail and elderly to collect their mediation easily. This system was reviewed at the end of last year due to a lack of storage space at the Post Office. Patients now need to collect medication from North Duffield Surgery. We appreciate there will be individual circumstances whereby medication may need to be collected from the Post Office and we are happy to review these.**

**FLU CLINICS**

**The flu clinics ran extremely successfully again this year and the practice continues to make changes each year to improve the way the clinics run. A gentle reminder that the letter now states that an appointment needs to be booked for these clinics rather than just turning up.**