

NHS Summary Care Record— now with additional information

You most likely have a Summary Care Record containing important information about any medicines you are taking, any allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have previously experienced. Allowing authorised healthcare staff to have access to this information will improve decision making by healthcare professionals if you are being cared for in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed.

You can now choose to have additional information added to your SCR including:

- Your illnesses and health problems
- Operations and vaccinations you have had
- How you would like to be treated
- What support you might need
- Who should be contacted for more information about you



You do have to give your explicit consent for this information to be added to your SCR. If this is something you would like to do then please let a receptionist know and we will update your medical records.

Arrivals and Departures



Dr Annalea Wyatt joined Appletree in September 2014 and has quickly become an integral part of the Practice team. So we were delighted when she accepted the offer to become a GP Partner. Dr Wyatt will continue to lead the Practice on respiratory medicine and also oversees the Nursing team.

In September we said “goodbye” to Reception Manager Julie Allison as she moved on to a new position at Whitemoor Medical Centre. But as one door closes others open.

Lianne Burke, formerly IT and Data Manager, has been appointed as Assistant Practice Manager, a move supplemented by the appointment of Wendy Whitby and Nicola Kirby as Reception Team leaders.



Lead GP Partner Dr Ruth Hewitt comments: *“We are extremely pleased to be able to recognise Lianne’s contribution to the success of Appletree over the years. This promotion is fully deserved and reflects her increased responsibilities. I am equally pleased to have provided Wendy and Nikki with the chance to step up and build on Julie’s good work. Of course we wish Julie all the best in her new role.”*

Medical Appeal Trust Fund

When Appletree Medical Practice moved to its present location in Duffield in April 1999, a Medical Appeal Trust Fund was set up by patients to enable equipment to be obtained to enhance the new facility. A number of donations and bequests were made by patients and their relatives in acknowledgement of the services received by the Practice. Examples of items purchased include an examination couch for consulting room use, a spirometer (for checking lung capacity), two high back chairs to assist those with mobility problems, digital signage screens and more recently help towards the purchase of the acoustic screens in the waiting area.



Three Trustees administer the Fund which still exists and will continue to act sympathetically to meet the needs of the patients. Trustees' contact details are available from the Surgery/Practice Manager.

An Invitation to Tea, Laughter and Friendship

More than two million people over 75 live alone in the UK. The charity Contact The Elderly gives thousands of these profoundly lonely older people the regular contact they need.



Contact the Elderly is currently setting up a network of volunteers and guests in Duffield. The aim is to hold FREE monthly tea parties for small groups of people aged 75 and over, who live alone and need a hand getting out and about. It's an ideal way to brighten up their Sunday afternoons, have a chat and make some friends.

Volunteer drivers will take the guests to and from the party safely as well as enjoying the tea with them. At the volunteer host's home they will be given a very warm welcome and plenty of tea, sandwiches and cake.

For more information about joining the Duffield tea parties, or volunteering to help, call Jackie Lowery on 01332 840 672 or go to www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

Contact The Elderly is a registered charity in England and Wales 244681 and in Scotland SC039377



CT4CT under Threat

Community Transport for Country and Town – CT4CT—provides essential transport for people with disabilities, elderly people and community groups.

Derbyshire County Council is proposing to drastically reduce the funding for CT4CT from April 2016 resulting in many people being 'marooned' at home – with social consequences, loss of independence and additional travel costs for those who can least afford them. In particular it proposes to withdraw all funding of the aCTive healthcare travel service which currently provides volunteer drivers to take people who cannot easily access public transport to attend medical or social appointments.

The PPG strongly feels that this decision will have a significant and negative impact on the health and welfare of the most needy patients and urges readers to make their feelings known to Derbyshire County Council and its local representatives.

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