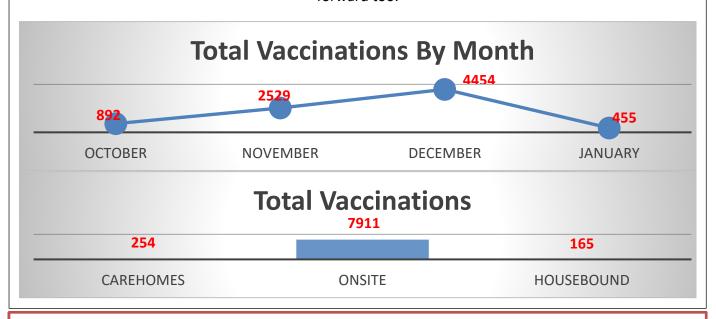


LODGE, HIGHFIELD & HIGHFIELD SURGERIES

NEWSLETTER DATE: 10/02/2021

The Lodge vaccination programme

The lodge health partnership has been working hard as part of the PCN to deliver covid vaccinations and boosters for all our patients running dedicated vaccination clinics across our sites. As you can see below we have vaccinated over 8000 people so far. We are continuing to invite our patients for their first and second vaccinations as well as their boosters. If you have received an invite, please contact us to book your appointment. While we have been delivering these vaccinations, we understand that our patients have had reduced appointments or surgery location options available and so would like to thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. As a result of being able to vaccinate so many people things are now slowly returning to a more normal way of life which I am sure we are all very much looking forward too.



Redbourn Road Roadworks

If travelling to our surgeries using the Redbourn Road, please allow extra time to get to your appointments as there will be roadworks in place between 1st-20th March

A warm Welcome to Kate and Katie who have joined our admin team



Welcome to Cathy and Neil who have joined our nurses' team



Rare Disease Day 28TH February 2022

Rare Disease Day takes place on the last day of February each year. The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives. The campaign targets primarily the general public and also seeks to raise awareness amongst policy makers, public authorities, industry representatives, researchers, health professionals and anyone who has a genuine interest in rare diseases.

Building awareness of rare diseases is so important because 1 in 20 people will live with a rare disease at some point in their life. Despite this, there is no cure for the majority of rare diseases, and many go undiagnosed. Rare Disease Day improves knowledge amongst the general public of rare diseases while encouraging researchers and decision makers to address the needs of those living with rare diseases. Please follow the link below to see how you can help <u>Rare Disease Day 2022 – Raising awareness for patients, families and carers around the world that are affected by rare diseases.</u>

We are pleased to welcome two primary care mental health practitioners, Patricia and Joyce.

The service provides local and timely mental health advice, assessments, information and short-term interventions. The teamwork is integrated with MIND community support workers, social prescribers and community navigators

The aim is to facilitate access to mental health support for adults whoa re experiencing and mental health related issues

We are glad that they are part of the team and collaborating with us to doing what is a great service for the patient



As a surgery we are always looking at ways in which we can work more efficiently for both our patients and our staff. We have even taken the time to visit other large surgeries to see if there is anything they do that would be beneficial for us to implement in our own surgeries. As well as our clinical team of doctors and nurses, our team in the background such as managers, receptionists, secretaries and our administration teams are key to the day to day running of The Lodge Health Partnership. Some of the changes we are making will be creating a separate administration team dedicated to working alongside our doctors and a receptionist hub so all our receptionists can work together and share their knowledge. These will not be changes that are obvious to our patients, but we aim that going forward this will help us work better and offer our patients the best care we can



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