



News

Phew! Although we had one of the busiest summers ever with the large number of visitors in town and therefore a heavy clinical workload there was a noticeable absence of unruly drunken behaviour leading to self-inflicted or imposed inebriated induced trauma. We need to thank the Police, St John ambulance, TCDC and many others for contributing to the relatively peaceful New Year/summer season. We all hope that this can be repeated in future years. During this summer we were fortunate to be very well staffed by GPs. We are so grateful to our locum GPs for the help they gave us over the summer.



On the staffing front....

Kath Daly our Senior Receptionist retired at the end of April. After 15 years working in reception many of you will know Kath and we will miss her knowledge, work ethic and general loveliness greatly. We wish Kath all the best in her retirement.

Wendy Heard, who has been with us for 9 years has also let us know she will be leaving us in June. Wendy's hard work, resourcefulness and loyalty will be greatly missed.

We have had a wee shuffle around on the reception front to fill these gaps; we are very pleased to announce that **Kim Clough** will step into the Senior Receptionist roll and we have welcomed **Kellie Parsons** into the fold as a receptionist—you may recognise her from the Pharmacy. Keep an eye out for another new face in the near future.

Our casual nurse **Rozanne Gibb** has decided it's time to retire properly and we will miss her cheeriness and professionalism.

Dr **David Bourke** has also decided the time has come to leave us and return to Ireland with his family. David has been with us for 3 1/2 years and we will be very sorry to lose him. We wish David, Arlene and the boys all the health, happiness and prosperity in their future endeavours.

Dr **Fleur Vriend** who has been with us from Holland for the past 9 months will be departing next month. Fleur has inserted herself seamlessly into the practice and the clinic and we know that many of you will miss her as much as we are going to. We wish Fleur and her family all the best in whatever the future brings them.

We are still advertising far and wide for Permanent / Long Term Locums to help cover. We have a few promising international Locums in process, we also have **Maryanne and Adrian Gane** and **Fiona Bolden** who you will see from time to time throughout the remainder of the year. Once again we ask for patience as we find our new normal. It is a timely reminder to book appointments and repeat prescriptions well in advance and as always all emergencies will be prioritised.



You may remember that last year WMC attempted to change its practice management system (computer software that records all patient information). Reasons beyond our control meant we had to delay this switch-over and our new "Go live date" is **Monday June 10**. There will likely be delays for the first few days so please bear with us while we learn the ropes! We appreciate your patience.

A doctor is available 24 hours a day every day of the year

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Winter Clinic Hours:

Monday to Friday	8.30 to 5:30pm
Saturday	9.00 to Close *
Sunday and Public Holidays	Closed

**Dependent on patient demand*

Note: An after-hours charge will apply on weekends and public holidays

WINTER IS COMING.

Are you prepared?

Available now !

See reception
to make your
appointment



Eligibility criteria for FREE seasonal influenza vaccination for 2019

- * Anyone aged 65 years or over
- * Pregnant Women (any trimester)
- * People aged under 65 years with specified medical conditions (please see reception for full list)
- * Children aged 4 years or under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness

“my Indici”

All your health information at your fingertips.

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Get appointment reminders

Smartphone App

Available in June- enquire with the office. All you need is an email address and proof of identity.

Patients already signed up with “Manage My Health” will need to swap over to the new “my Indici” patient portal to continue the service.

Shingles

Shingles vaccine protects against herpes zoster infection, which is commonly known as shingles. Shingles is a painful, itchy skin rash that usually appears on your chest, but can also affect your trunk, back, legs or face. It is more common in the elderly and people with weakened immune systems. Vaccination with the shingles vaccine can reduce your risk of shingles and the long-term pain it can cause.

Please talk to reception or one of the nurses to book your shingles vaccine now.