

# The Westgate Newsletter

Summer 2017



## WHEN TWO BECOME ONE...

We are very pleased to announce the Cloisters Practice and Westgate Practice will be merging in the near future, under the **Westgate** name.

### Why?

- The NHS is under constant pressure to meet the needs of local communities.
- As Lichfield is a rapidly growing city, both practices feel they need to combine their teams and other resources to respond to this growth.
- The merger has opportunity to improve the service level to our patients with potentially longer opening times, new services and making the most of the array of skills across the combined staff base.

### What does this mean for you?

- The merger is likely to take place in the New Year. Further information is available in the Patient FAQ document.
- Patients will be able see any of the GPs working with us. There will be:
  - 20 GPs,
  - 6 Advanced Nurse Practitioners and
  - 10 Practice Nurses, supported by an extensive management and Patient Services team.
- We will provide a varied range of services to patients and the local community. We work locally with Samuel Johnson hospital, local Nursing Homes and other local Practices.

**To find out more about the merger, the practice and the services we offer please visit our website at [www.westgate.practice.co.uk](http://www.westgate.practice.co.uk)**

## Staff Changes

We have bid farewell to a number of staff:

We congratulate Dr Andy Barlow our Military Registrar who is now a fully qualified GP and has started a 3 year posting to Cyprus. Dr Harry Brice has come to the end of his rotation with us and has moved on to pastures new.

### We welcome:

Dr Kirsten Brown who has now become a permanent member of our team and we welcome back Dr Venuri Gunatilake who has returned from maternity leave.

Sr Sharon Elkington has joined our Practice Nurse team and Charge Nurse Colin Kirkham has joined our team of ANPs.

Srs Esther Hunt and Becky Dunn – who are Cloisters' nurses - are also working within our nursing teams ahead of the merger.

We have two new Military Registrars: Dr Ela Stachow and Dr Mark Riley – who will be with us for two years and Dr Tom Hayes a junior Registrar will be with us until December.

## The Men ACWY Vaccine for Young People

If you are aged 18 or a Fresher going to university (up to the age of 25), make an appointment to have the ACWY vaccination. The vaccine will protect you against four different causes of meningitis and septicaemia.



### Seasonal Flu Clinics 2017 - 2018

This year our walk in clinics for eligible adults (no appointment necessary) are at:

**Greenhill Health Centre**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 &**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**from 9.30am till 1.00pm**

OR

**The Shenstone Surgery**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**from 12.30pm till 1.30pm**