



Sele News



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Dr Walker

Dr Walker will be retiring from the practice on Friday 1 April.

We are very sad to lose his extremely valuable contribution to the practice. His experience and support have been invaluable to both our team and to patients for over 27 years.

We will miss him enormously but wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Team changes

One of our most long serving team members retired at the end January. Val Mallinson, part of our medical secretarial team for over 25 years, has left a huge void in terms of knowledge and experience. We will miss her cheery disposition and would like to thank her for her contribution and commitment to the practice over that considerable length of time.

Lindsay Sinclair has joined the team in Val's stead and we welcome her to the Sele.

Alisha Coleman has joined our reception team and is learning the ropes quickly.

New GPs

We are delighted that Dr Coady and Dr Lewis have agreed to become partners in the practice after 7 years as salaried GPs. Their working pattern will remain as now.

We are also very pleased to be able to let you know that two new GPs will be starting with the practice on Monday 4 April.

Dr Rhiannon Dovey will be joining the practice as a partner. She currently works in another Tynedale practice and worked at Sele several years ago as a locum so some of you may recognize her.

Dr Jonathan Spiers will be working as a salaried GP. He lives locally, having recently moved into the area from Hampshire.

Covid Booster Vaccination Service

Appointments for vaccinations at **Hexham Mart** continue to be available can be booked via the National Booking Service either online or by calling 119. There are occasional walk in sessions which we advertise on our website and on our facebook page. We understand that the Mart team also posts on Hexham Matters too.

Living Well Coordinators

West Northumberland PCN has access to a service hosted by Adapt NE which supports people's wellbeing.

If you are over 16 and want help with non-clinical matters which are impacting on your health, then our living well co-ordinator may be able to help. Further information is available via the link below and allows access to the self-referral form.

<https://adapt-ne.org.uk/index.php/living-well-coordination-service/>

Alternatively, you can call 01434 600599.

Waiting Room Television Screen

If you have been into the practice recently, you may have noticed that we have a new screen in the waiting area which is used to provide health information and messages to our patients. We are aiming to increase the amount of information on display and would welcome suggestions as to what you would find helpful and informative.

West Primary Care Network (PCN) Patient Group

Are you enthusiastic about the health and wellbeing of your community? If so, then the West Northumberland Primary Care Network (PCN) wants your help.

The GP practices across the Tyne Valley are working together to give you a more co-ordinated and wider range of services. We want to set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG) to understand what patients and carers experience in our services and what they want in the future.

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Being part of the PPG means having a voice and participating in the development of the range, shape and quality of our services.

PPG members are volunteers and meet regularly (virtually at the moment).

You may already be part of our PPG and Healthwatch and the PCN are keen for you to bring your experience to this new wider group. If you have never been involved before then there is lots to do and it's an exciting time to get involved. We can put you in touch with an existing member of the PPG to hear first-hand about what a great opportunity this is.

What to do next

To arrange an informal chat with Jeni Langdown, the PCN Manager email norccg.westnorthumberlandpcn@nhs.net

Come to a meeting at **6pm on Thursday 17 February 2022**, hosted by Healthwatch Northumberland. The meeting will be online.

Book at norccg.westnorthumberlandpcn@nhs.net and you will be sent the link

Email info@healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk to book your place and then you will be sent a link

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A final thought.....

The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will instruct his patients in care of the human frame, in diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease
– Thomas Edison