

GREYSTOKE GAZETTE

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Update on access

The surgery continues to manage access as best as possible given the ongoing challenges from the pandemic and subsequent backlog. There are a number of ways patients can arrange an appointment with a health care professional. Aside from the telephone, you can use the eConsult method which is available via the practice website and you can also book an online appointment 24 hours before your GP is available. Online appointments slots, though limited on a daily basis, have been increased.

Despite the efforts of various healthcare bodies, we have unfortunately not seen a vast increase in the number of available GPs. Primary care has therefore had to turn to allied healthcare professionals such as advanced nurse practitioners, physiotherapists, pharmacists, mental health practitioners and community paramedics to plug this gap. These clinicians are immensely experienced in their respective fields and invariably, their knowledge surpasses that of a General Practitioner. When you contact the surgery for an appointment, you might be offered an appointment to speak to or see one of these professionals who are supported by the on site GPs, so please do welcome them!

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Dr Adetola Adeyekun to Greystoke Surgery. Dr Adeyekun is in the final stages of completing his GP training and will be with us until this Summer. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome to Greystoke!

Ukraine

As we manage to be getting rid of one global crisis, it is sad to see another one develop.

The situation in Ukraine is one of the most significant humanitarian crises in Europe of recent times.



There are various organisations that are supporting Ukraine both here and abroad so please do show your support to the people of Ukraine who are going through an extraordinarily difficult time as well as those who are supporting them.

We are not sure at this stage what the situation means for our healthcare system or the NHS and what the refugee intake will be in our region but we will endeavour to continue to support our patients as well as any new refugees to the area as always.

Covid 19 pandemic update

Whilst the vaccination campaign has been hugely successful in delivering millions of vaccinations across the country, infection rates continue to be high. Fortunately we are not seeing too many unwell people with Covid, especially those who have had vaccinations and boosters.

Whilst restrictions are easing, some things will remain the same at Greystoke for the time being. Clinicians will still be wearing masks and will be in full PPE if seeing suspected or positive Covid patients, plastic screens will still be in use in reception, numbers of people in rooms will be limited and we would ask that you continue to maintain social distancing and wear a mask whilst in the building.

Thank you for your ongoing support.