## **GREYSTOKE GAZETTE**

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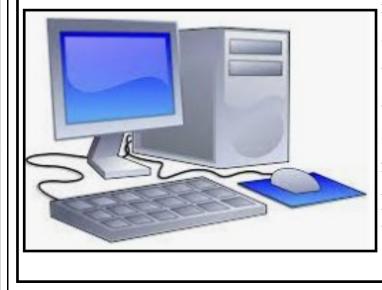
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## **Update on Access**

The situation with regards to access has been largely publicised in the news of late. It has been reported that Northumberland has the highest number of GPs per population, though it



was not publicised how many whole time equivalents this equates to. Unfortunately, despite this, General Practice is unable to meet the demand. Decades of underfunding and neglect as well as broken promises, reducing numbers of GPs, increased retirement rates and increasing patient numbers means that providing primary care has never been as challenging as before. With regards to making an appointment, aside from calling in first thing in the morning, you can visit the practice website and complete an eConsult or you can sign up for online appointments and make an appointment through your electronic device. The Greystoke GPs are working harder than they have ever done before with some working days now last-



ing in excess of 13 hours and clearing administrative paperwork on weekends. So we do apologise to all of you who are struggling to make that appointment, but would like to reassure you that we are all trying our very best.



## MEMORY CAFE

FOR PEOPLE WITH MEMORY PROBLEMS OR DEMENTIA AND THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT, TO PICK UP INFORMATION OR TO ENJOY SOME SOCIAL TIME WITH OTHER IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.

NO NEED TO BOOK, PLEASE JUST DROP IN

THE CAFE RUNS ON THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 10.30AM TO 12.00PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US ON 01670 511078, EMAIL US AT OFFICE@MORPETHMETH.ORG OR POP IN

> FEBRUARY 3RD & 17TH MARCH 3RD & 17TH APRIL 7TH & 21ST MAY 5TH & 19TH JUNE 16TH ONLY JULY 7TH & 21ST

Here are a couple of resources that can help those in need. For confidential advice for teenagers, you can text your school nurse on the number above.

If you or someone you know has memory problems, you can drop into Morpeth Methodist Church details on the left for support or a friendly chat.