

### **Covid and Flu Vaccines**

This autumn the vaccination process will run differently but more efficiently as both Covid and flu will be given together.

Eligible patients will be contacted by the surgery to book their appointments via text and will have the option to select a date for their appointment via a drop-down menu. Alternatively, patients can call the surgery, or pop in to book an appointment.

Patients are only eligible for a vaccination if it's been over 91 days since their last one, or at least four weeks since having Covid. Patients do not have to have both flu and Covid at the same time, but if they choose to have them separately, it is recommended having flu first.

**Stay Well – Stay Vaccinated!**

### **Enhanced Access means extra appointments are now available!**

From 1<sup>st</sup> October we will have appointments available, in addition to our core hours, at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 07:30 - 08:00

Monday to Friday: 18:30 - 20:00

Saturday: 08:00 - 13:00 (13:00 - 17:00 GP appointments available via GHAC)

These appointment slots are for any appointment, routine or on the day and are available to everyone but are unlikely to be available for urgent issues.

**Our thanks go to all the Clinicians, Healthcare Professionals and Support Staff for making these additional appointments available!**

### Practice Update

We have recently welcomed:

Dr John Regan	Salaried GP
Dr Yvonne Tin	Salaried GP
Christy Blanch	Compliance Administrator
Kirstie Elliott	Care Coordinator
Clare McNaught	Child & Young Persons Social Prescribing Link Worker
Saadiq Veshmia	Clinical Pharmacist
Silpa Sunny	Prescribing Assistant
Azra Vural	Medical Support Worker
Mandi Cottam	Medical Receptionist
Sam Dennis	Medical Receptionist
Kirsty Dixon	Medical Receptionist
Tracey Rodd	Medical Receptionist
Nimal Verho	Patient Administrator

We currently have vacancies for the following staff:

Care Coordinator  
Salaried GP  
Respiratory Nurse  
Administrator  
Social Prescriber

Please contact the surgery if you would like to apply for any of these positions.

### Collaborative practice

Dr Yvonne Tin, our new Health Inequalities GP, is coordinating a new initiative called **All Together Better**, which aims to support patients with non-medical needs. This could involve developing a Walk & Talk Group, Coffee & Chat groups or even just a Listening Ear to those who need it. The aim is for it to be run by volunteers and should help to improve the health and well-being of the local community.

Ideally this scheme will be up and running by Christmas! If you are interested in being involved, please let us know.

### Do you use Facebook?

Rosebank Health has two Facebook pages – Rosebank Health and Rosebank Health Social Prescribing.

<https://www.facebook.com/rosebankhealth>

<https://www.facebook.com/rosebankhealthsp>

The main page is used for practice updates, Covid and flu updates and other useful information. The Social Prescribing page is used for more local information and is a very interesting place to visit for advice on a variety of emotional issues.

**Please have a look and follow us!**

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