

PRACTICE NEWSLETTER NO.2

Closed Books:

Unfortunately to provide the best care for our existing patients and staff, we have had to close our books.

We hope to be able to reopen but still restricting enrolments to those not currently enrolled with a local GP or those with immediate family members enrolled at the practice.

Omicron:

Is a rapidly evolving challenge. However, hopefully it will end the pandemic and its current restrictions. We try and provide useful up-to-date advice on the homepage of our website.

If you have specific questions that aren't addressed there you are welcome to ring the surgery and we will help you get the answers you need.

Staff Changes - Reception:

Megan, now our longest serving receptionist and a real lynchpin of the admin. team, leaves March 17th.

She may come back as a locum, but if not we are extremely grateful for her loyal service and know she deserves as long a break as she needs.



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Staff Changes - Doctors:

Dr Ryotaro Eguchi is joining us on March 21st. Ryo (pronounced “Rio” as in Rio de Janeiro) comes highly recommended from Blenheim, where he has been working. He and his partner have chosen to settle here. Ryo is NZ trained but came here in his teens from Japan.

Dr Ed Johnson is taking two months leave in late March. Like many families separated by Covid it has been 4 years (and many missed occasions) since they saw their UK family, so it is important this much-delayed reunion can happen. The timing is unfortunate because Dr Shaun McKenzie-Pollock ends March 31st and many of his patients have registered with Ed. However Dr Kynan Bazley will cover the whole two months. Many of you know Kynan who has worked here since October.

Dr Shaun McKenzie-Pollock, now the longest serving doctor in the Region, is extremely conscientious and caring. He richly deserves more time for himself at the end of March.

Staff Changes - Nursing:

Jayne Johnson is leaving to follow her interests in the areas of aged care or sexual health and contraception. Hopefully in an environment that is less time-pressured than general practice has become. We wish her all the very best in a new role. Jayne made a huge contribution to the practice’s infection control processes and provided specialised services like advanced care planning, cognitive testing and dementia support.

Her last day is March 11th. In our next newsletter we will introduce her replacement Bridget Wil.