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THE FAMILY DOCTORS PROGRAMME



After months of filming behind the scenes at Elgin Health Centre, BBC2 have now put the programme on air for all to view. We do hope that you have enjoyed seeing what goes on behind the scenes in particular all the stresses and strains that happen during everyday for the various departments. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the different departments working together in particular our Emergency Care Team that consists of a Duty Doctor, Kevin, Naomi and Lindsay working along with all of the Community Nurses in trying to keep our patients out of hospital as much as possible by placing them into our "Virtual Medical Ward". It was also interesting for the patients to know why they are asked the reason they need to see a clinician, in order that they are placed into the correct clinic to see the most appropriate clinician. We hope it came across that Maryhill is very much a team that works together.

It was also very nice and brave of our patients who agreed to be filmed in with the doctor, emergency care practitioner or nurse and even in their own homes which was extremely informative. It was also interesting to see behind the scenes of the Bishopmill chemist using their "Robbie" robot finding the appropriate items for the prescriptions that have been generated. The BBC also managed to capture some wonderful pictures of Elgin and our surrounding area which we hope will attract some new doctors to the area.

The final episode of the programme allowed us to see the refurbishment going on at our Rothes Health Centre. We are sure that our patients will be delighted with the new facilities. The TV programme did clearly show the challenges facing our doctors and indeed all of our staff. We do hope that it also showed our dedication and professionalism as we strive to look after our 17,000 patients.

ROTHES REFURBISHMENT

On 22 January the Rothes Medical Centre moved back into their original accommodation after a period of 5 months of refurbishment .

We thank our patients for their continued patience and understanding during the refurbishment phase.

We would also like to thank Dale Winchester for allowing us to occupy his property during the 5 months which meant we were able to continue to provide a service in Rothes during the refurbishment period.



STAFF NEWS

We would like to wish **Lindsay**, our Emergency Care Practitioner all the very best when she gets married on Friday 2nd February 2018. Our good wishes are sent to both her and Guy in their new life together.

Dr Pirie who was only here for 6 months has left to go to Dr Gray's for further specialised training and it is hoped that she will return to us next February when she will be with us for a whole year.

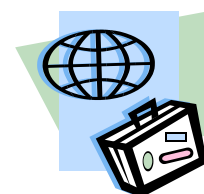
Dr Thomson, a female doctor has recently joined our team as an associate and we welcome her joining our busy team.

Dr Miller was here with us for a week in the New Year from Ooty, South India where herself and her family are now staying and looking after a school. Dr Miller is going to be coming back for a longer stint in July—dates to be confirmed and we look forward to seeing her then.

Ewan from our Pharmacy Department has grown "A Beard for Bairns" from 25th of December until 25th January and has raised a total of £ 160.00 towards the Archie Foundation for local sick children.

TRAVEL CLINIC

This is the time of year that holidays are getting planned and booked. Please remember to book into our travel clinic where you will be given information and advice and any immunisations that are maybe required in plenty of time before your departure date.



Our travel clinic is open on Friday afternoons. To avoid disappointment the earlier you book the better as we need at least 6 weeks notice before your departure date to arrange your medical requirements.

FLU INJECTIONS



It is not too late to get your flu injection if you are eligible. Please contact our reception Department to book an appointment.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please remember to inform us of any address changes or mobile telephone numbers so that we can keep your records up to date.

THANK YOU

A big thank you for all of the cards, biscuits and chocolates that we received from our patients at Christmas time. They were all gratefully appreciated.

HEALTH CENTRE CLOSURE DATES

Wednesday 14th February 2018 - closed from 1.30pm onwards - Protected Learning Day

Wednesday 14th March 2018 - closed from 1.30pm onwards - Protected Learning Day

Monday 02 April 2018—Closed All Day—GMed's Holiday

Monday 07th May - Closed All Day—May Day