

# *The Blue Practice: Blue News*

Spring 2021

Welcome to Blue News.



It is with great sadness that we must wish Dr Stuart Evans all the best as he moves on from what is very close to a full career with the Blue Practice in Crieff. We wish him well and we know that all of our patients will too and we thank him for all the dedicated service he has given to our patients in Crieff.

Thank You and Good Luck Stuart!

## **Stuarts Farewell Message:**

**Dear Patients,**

**At the end of April this year I will be leaving the Blue Practice.**

**My association with Crieff began in 2001 as a Registrar under the supervision of my retired colleague and good friend Dr David Mitchell. He taught me how to be a GP and continued to mentor me throughout my career.**

**I am extremely thankful for and proud of my association with the Practice. I have been blessed to work with many amazing partners and colleagues across the whole of the Primary Care team.**

**It has been a privilege to get to know our patients, form lasting relationships and be able to help as best I can.**

**I will be sad to leave both colleagues and patients alike as a new chapter begins for me. As I leave, I just want to say thank you and wish everyone future good health.**



## **Additions to the Partnership:**

A few months ago now we were fortunate to be joined by 3 new GP Partners:

**Dr Ross Whyte** has joined us from Airthrey Park Forth Valley

**Dr Shona Crorie** has joined us following her return to Scotland after a number of years practicing in New Zealand

**Dr Laura Halley** who we are pleased to say chose to stay and join the practice as a partner following the successful completion of her training last summer.

**A New Normal – as services resume, some in a new way: :**

**Community Care & Treatment: Blood Test? Wound Care?**

If you are in need of wound care or a blood test it is very likely that you will be asked to attend a clinic at Crieff Community Hospital for this. Our Admin Team will make this clear at the time the appointment is made

**Mental Health & Well-being Nurse**

Appointment are again available for this service on Thursdays – phone appointments only

**SMEARS**

Please make contact if you have missed an appointment, received an reminder letter as we now have appointments available.

**GP Trainee news**

We welcome back **Dr Catriona Grant** who will be training with us until the end of May 2022.

**Our Pharmacy Team:**

**Kenny Halliday** – Principal Pharmacist  
**Lucie Donaldson** – Foundation Pharmacist  
**Kayleigh Croll** – Pharmacy Technician

The team works across a number of practices and community hospitals in Strathearn and are available to discuss any medication issues you may have.

Please be aware they work closely with the GPs in the practice and will often be the first point of contact regarding medication changes after clinic appointments and discharge from hospitals

**Covid Vaccination**

As many of you will know we have been running vaccination clinics at the Community Hospital, in the practice and even trialling one in the car park. We have now worked our way through cohorts 1-5: Care Home Residents and Staff, over 80's, over 75's, over 70's, the clinically extremely vulnerable, the over 65 and are now working through cohort 6 the 16-65 yr olds at risk.

Shortly we will be beginning the second doses and will contact you to confirm the date and time of your vaccination.

If you believe you have been missed could you please contact the surgery so that we can make you an appointment as soon as vaccine becomes available.

**It's just ADMIN!!!**

All of our clinical team GPs and Nurses alike have been working extremely hard to vaccinate our patients in recent weeks. However, none of this could have happened without the determined efforts of our Admin Team to contact and appoint our patients to the clinics we have arranged.

Our team Admin Team (new and old alike) have worked additional hours and come in at weekends too to ensure we deliver the vaccine we have been given as quickly as possible into the arms of patients.

As Practice Manager, I'd personally like to say a big **Thank You** to them for all they have done and will continue to do

We couldn't do it without them – it's **not** just Admin

Remember If your contact details are out of date – please let us know