

Ashworth Street Surgery

# Patient Participation Newsletter

## Dr Hudson's Retirement

### Special points of interest:

- Parking at the surgery
- Missed appointments
- Care Quality Commission

Dr Hudson Retires – Good Luck!  
On behalf of all the patients at Ashworth Street, we would like to send every good wish to Dr Hudson as he leaves the practice in the autumn to begin his retirement. Dr Hudson has been a GP at Ashworth Street for 30 years. His speciality is Diabetes. But his real speciality was caring for his patients, the families and the community of this neighbourhood. Always with a ready smile Dr Hudson was a very popular doctor, generous of spirit, kind and welcoming. He would never turn a patient away however late it was because his aim was to

listen, to help and to heal. Many patients have told the Patients' Group about the time Dr Hudson helped them, or a friend or a member of their family. He has always been 'patient focused' and ensured that people came before bureaucracy. The whole community will miss his friendliness, his patience and his caring approach. We all wish Dr Hudson a long, healthy, happy and fulfilling retirement.

Thank you Dr Hudson and Good Luck in retirement.



## Dr Adam Simmons to join the Practice in October

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Dr Simmons joins the Practice in October 2013 filling the gap as Dr Hudson retires.

Hello my name is Dr Adam Simmons and I am delighted to be joining Ashworth Street Surgery from October.

I recently completed my GP training within the Pennine region, having been a junior doctor for two years at Rochdale Infirmary. I am originally from Surrey and moved to Manchester in 2005 to complete my clinical training at the University of Manchester, having previously attended the University of St Andrews.

I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone and settling in to work at the practice.





## Disabled Parking Spaces at the Practice

There are designated car park spaces at the surgery for those patients and visitors who display a valid blue badge and who need to access the surgery with ease.

It is crucially important that all users of the surgery respect these car parking spaces and ALWAYS leave them free for the use of those who genuinely need

them. We thank you for making every effort to ensure people comply with this request.

The Patients' Group

N.B. A reminder to all car park users that the car park is for sole use of people attending the surgeries.



## Care Quality Commission

The Care Quality Commission is the independent regulator of health and adult social care in England. Their purpose is to make sure health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high quality care and they encourage care services to improve. The CQC monitors, inspects and regulates services, like Ashworth Street Surgery to make sure they meet standards of quality and safety. They publish their findings which include performance ratings.

Ashworth street surgery is registered with CQC and will expect an inspection visit within the next twelve months. The Patients' Group is a way to get your opinions and views known. Representatives from your Patients' Group will meet with and talk to the CQC when they visit. If you wish your views to be represented please contact any member of the group via the reception, or you can email the Chair of the group, Lyn O'Reilly at [lynoreilly@sky.com](mailto:lynoreilly@sky.com).



Have you got any bright ideas which could help us improve our surgery?

If so please make your suggestion here and pop it in the Patients' Group suggestion box on the Patients' Group noticeboard, near reception.

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Thank you



Bowel Cancer is the third most common cancer in the UK. The earlier it is found, the more effectively it can be treated. If you are 60+ don't leave your health to chance.

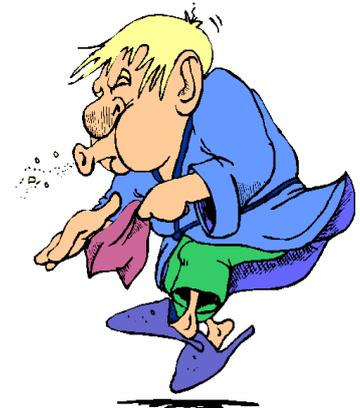
Bowel Cancer Screening is now offered to all areas of Greater Manchester. Screening involves the use of a free screening kit posted out to people over the age of 60 that can help detect early signs of Bowel Cancer.

If you are over 60 call for your free screening kit on [0800 707 60 60](tel:08007076060)

## Book your free flu jab now

The surgery have already got the flu clinics on the booking system. If you are in an at risk group you are eligible for a flu vaccination. The at risk groups are listed below:

- All those aged 65 years and over
- All those in the following risk groups:
  - \* Chronic Respiratory disease including asthma that requires continuous use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission
  - \* Chronic heart disease
  - \* Chronic renal disease
  - \* Diabetes to include those controlled by insulin and oral hypoglycaemics
  - \* Immunosuppression
  - \* Chronic liver disease
  - \* Chronic neurological disease
  - \* Pregnant women
  - \* Frontline health and social care staff
  - \* Carers
  - \* Those living in residential care homes



Contact the surgery to book yours now.

