**Newsletter**

 **Headstone Lane Medical Centre**

 **October 2023**

This is a patient newsletter that will be published on our practice website and sent out via text message to all patients with a mobile number recorded at the surgery. The aim of the newsletter is to update our patients on changes to how the surgery is operating and the current situation in the NHS.

Flu Vaccine Clinics

The surgery is booking patients for the flu vaccine. If you haven’t booked an appointment yet, please contact the surgery. If you have not heard from the surgery and think you are eligible for the flu vaccine, please call the surgery and a receptionist can check for you.

Medical Student

The practice will be hosting a final year medical student in September and October of this year.

Covid Booster Vaccination

Patients that are eligible for the autumn covid booster vaccination, can book an appointment through the National Booking Service which will show all the clinics and pharmacies in your local area that you can book an appointment at. Please see the link below.

 [Book, cancel or change a COVID-19 vaccination appointment - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-vaccination-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/)

School Flu Vaccination Programme Autumn 2023

This year the flu vaccination programme will commence mid-September and will end by 15th December. No further vaccines will be offered after this date as the aim is to ensure the maximum protection for children and their families is achieved prior to the Christmas holidays. If a child has missed the school programme, they can contact the Harrow Immunisation Team on 02081026333 to book an appointment in the catch-up clinics which will be held after school and during the October half term.

 **Friends and Family Test**

**Patients will be asked and can ask to complete a friends and family test form after having contact or an appointment with the surgery. This information is anonymous and allows the surgery to collect feedback from patients. Patients that complete the forms can hand them in to reception or put them in the prescription post box. We are very grateful for all the patients who participate and for their feedback.**