**Newsletter**

 **Headstone Lane Medical Centre**

 **November 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. In particular, patients aged 65 and over. 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 November and December of this year.

Prescription Saving Schemes

A new NHS campaign aims to raise awareness of prescription saving schemes. A Prescription Prepayment Certificate will save people money if they pay for more than three items in three months, or 11 items in 12 months. People on a low income could be entitled to help with costs or free prescriptions through the low income scheme, depending on their circumstances.

[People can check if they’re eligible for free prescriptions](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprimarycarebulletin.cmail20.com%2Ft%2Fd-l-vdydlht-iyyuqjyty-yu%2F&data=05%7C01%7Csaarah.meghji%40nhs.net%7C295e8ba451e8418cde6708dbd0aeb6d4%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638333221032603975%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yhkIYvEVl2d%2B7bUmcslZ97xnLa1XxGoMqi8npJpM57Q%3D&reserved=0) or [find out more about the Prescription Prepayment Certificates](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprimarycarebulletin.cmail20.com%2Ft%2Fd-l-vdydlht-iyyuqjyty-jl%2F&data=05%7C01%7Csaarah.meghji%40nhs.net%7C295e8ba451e8418cde6708dbd0aeb6d4%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638333221032603975%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a78DXRReyBIEH7YkRFpbgipF6l1%2FhyPWO74OcInoU1o%3D&reserved=0).

[NHS Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) | NHSBSA](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/help-nhs-prescription-costs/nhs-prescription-prepayment-certificate-ppc)

Bank Holidays

Please be aware that the surgery is closed during bank holidays. Upcoming bank holiday dates are as follows:

Monday 25th December 2023

Tuesday 26th December 2023

Monday 1st January 2024