**BALLYCASTLE MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER**

**September 2025 **

**WELCOME TO BALLYCASTLE MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER**

**BALLYCASTLE MEDICAL PRACTICE WILL BE CHANGING THEIR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025**

1. ***The Practice will be operating an ‘Emergency Service Only’ from 29th October 2025 until 5th November 2025.***
2. ***Reception will be open for emergencies only and will operate the same way as our Wednesday afternoon appointments.***
3. ***There will be no routine GP appointments*.**
4. ***All prescriptions can be ordered early, as it will not be possible to issue repeat prescriptions during this time.***
5. ***If you feel you have a medical emergency during this time, please call the Practice on 07480375611***

**FLU CLINICS.**

Flu clinics will be available for the over 65's and those on disease registers from 1st October 2025.

Seasonal flu vaccines for pre-school children aged two years or more on 1st Sept 2025 (DOB range 2/7/21 - 1/9/23) will be available from 2nd October 2025.

**COVID**

Autumn Covid Boosters will be available for the over 75’s and patients who are severely immunosuppressed only from 6th October 2025.

**IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED YOUR DETAILS, INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NAME OR PHONE NUMBER PLEASE LET RECEPTION STAFF KNOW SO THEY CAN UPDATE YOUR RECORDS AS WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEND TEXT MESSAGES TO PATIENTS.**

**WHAT IS ON OFFER AT BALLYCASTLE MEDICAL PRACTICE THIS AUTUMN**

* **PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES FOR THE OVER 65s AND THOSE WITH CERTAIN UNDERLYING CONDITIONS**
* **TRAVEL VACCINES (CERTAIN CONDITIONS APPLY – PLEASE SPEAK TO RECEPTION STAFF)**
* **PERTUSSIS VACCINE FOR PREGNANT LADIES**
* **ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS**
* **GP APPOINTMENTS (TRIAGE FACILITY), NURSE APPOINTMENTS, SPECIALITY CLINICS, MDT SERVICES, DISTRICT NURSING SERVICES, HEALTH VISITING SERVICES**
* **HOME VISITS AVAILABLE FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PATIENTS**
* **MINOR SURGERY CLINICS PROVIDED BY DRS HASSON, CHESTNUTT & McCLELLAND**
* **CONTRACEPTIVE ADVICE AND INSERTION AND REMOVAL OF CONTRACEPTIVE IMPLANTS**

***Shingrix will continue to be available to eligible patients*.**