

Skerryvore Practice Newsletter

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Fond Farewell...

Happy Retirement Wendy!

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Wendy on 3rd February, who retired after nearly 22 years at the Practice. She has worked tirelessly over the years and has been part of huge changes as the Practice has grown and services have developed. She will be sorely missed by us all but we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Enjoy the new chapter in your life Wendy!

Welcome...

We are delighted to announce that we have 2 GPs joining us in May.

Dr Zoe Shepherd and Dr Neil Shepherd will be working with our practice.

Dr Zoe Shepherd is originally from Orkney and is returning home after working in Australia.

We are excited to have them join our team and look forward to working with them in the future.

Public Holidays

The Practice will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 17 April 2017

Monday 1 May 2017

We will also be closed for training from 1pm on these dates:

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Wednesday 8 March 2017

NHS24 will cover the Practice during these closures.

Congratulations!



We would like to say big congratulations to Dr Anne Tierney who gave birth to a baby girl in January. Both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to her return later this year.

Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to our patients for being so patient with us during some difficulties we have been experiencing.

Our computer system can be slow at times, and we have had times where we have had no computers at all. We are in the process of sorting this.

Also we have had days when a Doctor has been off sick themselves, and we have had to juggle appointments around and are grateful for your co-operation during these times.

Skerryvore Practice Self Help Website

Our Self Help Website has been developed to provide patients of Skerryvore Practice with health information and advice online.

Please visit our SELF HELP website for more information on the services available in Orkney.

www.skerryvorepractice.co.uk/selfhelp



PLANNING A HOLIDAY?

If you think that you need vaccinations for travel you will need to complete a form which you can pick up from the Practice or download from our website –

www.skerryvorepractice.co.uk,
click 'Clinics & Services' and then 'Travel Vaccinations'.

Our nurses will check your records and consult the national database for the most recent advice. The Nurse will then contact you and arrange an appointment for any vaccinations that you may require.

Not all travel vaccinations are included in the services provided for free by the NHS. Some vaccinations are therefore ordered on a private prescription, which will incur a charge along with a fee for the administration of the vaccine. Your pharmacist will also make a charge. For full details of our travel vaccination fees, please ask at our Reception Desk.

Please arrange your travel vaccines at least six weeks prior to your holiday.

Useful Phone Numbers

Skerryvore Practice	888240
Community Nurses	888191
Chiropody	888136
NHS24	111
Balfour Hospital	888000



**Did you know
Skerryvore
Practice has a
Facebook page?**

Health Centre Car Park

The Health Centre car park is used by both Health Centre/Hospital staff and patients. At busy times it can be very difficult to find a parking space.

If you are planning on taking a vehicle when you attend the Health Centre please allow plenty of time to find a space.

NHS Orkney are in the process of addressing the parking and will soon be having patient only spaces which should alleviate the pressure on the car park.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS ON-LINE

Log on to our web page at:

www.skerryvorepractice.co.uk

double click on *Your Prescription*
and follow the instructions.

We will then process your request and send it to the chemist. **Please remember that 48 hours notice is required for all prescription requests.**

Text Message Appointment Reminders

Skerryvore Practice has a text messaging service to remind our patients about their upcoming appointments.

If you would like the Practice to contact you in this way please ask at the front desk for a consent form.

The information in this leaflet is in no way intended to replace the professional medical care, advice, diagnosis or treatment by a doctor. If you notice medical symptoms or feel ill you should consult your doctor.