

Staff Changes



We are sad to announce that Dr McGee will retire in September of this year after more than 35 years with the Practice. His presence will be greatly missed but we are sure you will all join with us in wishing him all the very best to enjoy his many leisure pursuits in the years ahead.

Our newest partner, Dr Haveron, will increase his hours with the Practice following Dr McGee's retirement and we will also welcome three new GP Trainees in August. We are confident the Practice will continue providing a high standard of care to our 9000 patients with the diverse mix of skills we have within the Practice Team.

The Practice welcomed Lorna Hale as a permanent member of the Practice team in May. Lorna is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner who can see you for a wide variety of ailments. She can also issue prescriptions and make referrals.

District Nursing & Social Work Alignment

In addition to our own Practice Team, the Practice works with a team of District Nurses employed by NHS Ayrshire & Arran who provide nursing care to house-bound patients in their own homes. Patients may receive temporary nursing care from the team if they are recovering from surgery and need dressing changes, catheter care etc. Once fit and well again those patients would be expected to attend the surgery for any further care required. The team also provides care to patients needing long-term care due to chronic and debilitating illnesses.

As well as the District Nursing Team, there are two Social Workers aligned to the Practice. We are glad to welcome Irene and Ian and are already developing a good working relationship with them in order to provide timely care and advice to patients and their families when they need it most.

The Practice team hold regular meetings with both aligned teams where everyone can discuss the progress of mutual patients and arrange care plans and support to provide the best possible care.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

For Out of Hours advice please contact NHS24 on
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District Nursing Team
01292 513877
Podiatry Team
01292 614922
Health Visitor
01292 885529/885534
Midwife
01292 285893
Musculoskeletal Service / Physio
0800 9179390
Ayr/Crosshouse Hospital
Appointments Office
01563 827 070

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Practice will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 23 August for Staff Training

The Practice will be closed on

Friday 21st September and
Monday 24th September for the local holiday

Ordering Prescriptions

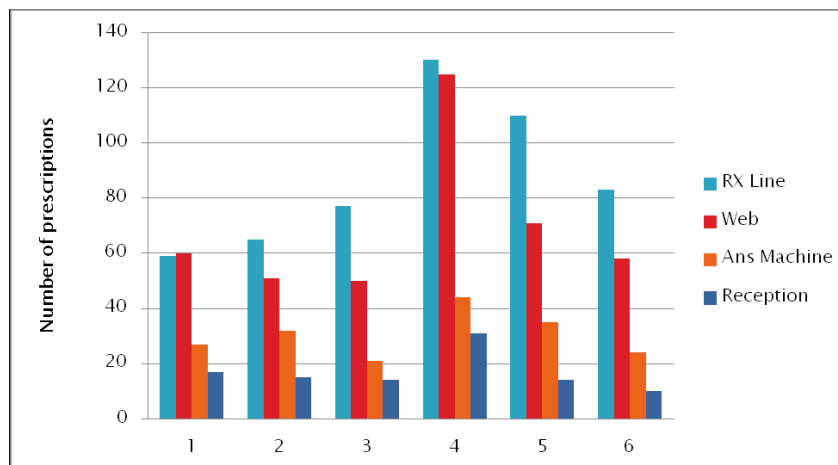
The Practice recently carried out an audit on how prescriptions are ordered. We are glad to see so many of you using the website order form at www.medicayr.co.uk. This offers you the convenience of ordering your medication at a time that suits you. If you prefer to speak to a member of staff then you can call the **prescription line** on **01292 272140** from **9.30am to 12pm**. Outwith these times you can leave a message on the answering service.

When ordering prescriptions we need to know the names of each item you require. Many drugs have similar names or more than one use so it is important that you tell us what you need by name to help prevent mistakes. It is also helpful if you can tell us the dose as sometimes an increase or decrease may not be changed on your repeat list until the clinician is satisfied that it is working effectively for you.

Medication reviews are required periodically to ensure both safe prescribing and that your medication is working for you. You will be advised when a medication review is due and should make suitable arrangements before your current prescription runs out.

If you no longer use any of the medications on your repeat order form, please let us know and we will remove it in order to save any confusion or mistakes in the ordering process.

AUDIT RESULTS



Walking Group

Did You Know?

In June the Practice:

- Saw 1484 patients
- Made 457 referrals
- Issued 15870 prescriptions for 3791 patients

Barns Medical Practice Walking Group leaves the surgery at 11am every Wednesday. We are always happy to see new faces so whether you are looking for company, want to lose weight or just enjoy a walk, why not come and join us?

The group is led by our Practice Nurse Sophie Steele or Admin Assistant Angeline, assisted by two patient volunteers and there are routes available for all abilities. We welcome non-patients and furry friends too.

