

Bradford on Avon  
Health Centre  
Newsletter



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**Bradford on Avon Health Centre Website!**

Please visit our NEW website: [www.boahc.co.uk](http://www.boahc.co.uk) It contains a huge range of information about The Health Centre and associated organisations. Further developments will be coming over the next couple of months. These include online repeat prescriptions, selected online appointments and online registration. We would welcome any comments, so please pop along to the website – you can use the feedback form.

**Congratulations!**

Dr Paterson had a baby girl on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. She's called Beatrice Rose. Maria Bodymore, one of our Receptionists, has also had a baby. His name is Roman Alfie. Both mums and babies are fit and well.

**Thanks!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jenny Carter, a Receptionist at The Health Centre. She is retiring this month after 23 years of loyal service. What an achievement! We wish her all the best!

**Branch Surgery in Winsley**

We are very excited about opening a branch surgery in Winsley. As local residents know, we have purchased the ground floor flat adjacent to the Spar on Tynning Road. We obtained planning permission in the summer and have now been given permission by the PCT to open a Branch Surgery there.

Our intention is to open Monday to Friday and have a doctor and nurse doing surgeries morning and afternoon. We will also be applying to open a dispensary, so that the residents of the villages will have a "one-stop shop". Obviously there will be considerable benefits to our local patients, but patients from Bradford and other villages should also gain. We will have more space in the Health Centre and there should be increased availability of appointments here. We have already instructed builders and IT specialists and hope to open in the Spring.



**New therapies being offered at Green Tree Health**

We are now offering holistic massage, psychology therapy, clinical psychology, shiatsu and family therapy from Green Tree Health.

Why not pick up a leaflet from Reception?

## Results from the Practice Survey

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who completed the practice survey in September. An independent company analysed the results for us and gave us a comprehensive report.

The results have helped us to identify our strengths and, more importantly, our challenges. We have discussed the findings with all members of staff and have written an easy to read summary for you. It details the results and our subsequent actions.

**Please pick up a copy from Reception**

## Plans for the Bradford on Avon Hospital site.

Dr Heffer is a member of the Town Group that has been meeting regularly over the last two years to take forward plans for the local hospital. Recently a leaflet titled "Things Can Be Different" was released outlining a possible proposal for the site. This is for a charitable organisation to buy the site and develop sheltered housing, a nursing home and other health facilities there.

There is a display at the library or for further information please contact Vicky Landell Mills, Chair, via the Town Council Offices [864240/townclerk@bradfordonavontown.com](mailto:864240/townclerk@bradfordonavontown.com) or John Cottle, Chair, League of Friends on 863179.

## Clinical Trials

- Do you have diabetes controlled only by diet and exercise?
- Are you concerned about your cholesterol or lipid blood levels?
- Do you go to the loo more than 8 times a day?
- Do you have arthritis of the hip or knee and need regular painkillers?
- Do you suffer from problems with erections? Are you aged 18-65?
- Do you take need to take daily pain control medication but also suffer from constipation? Would you be interested in trying a new tablet that is being developed to try to help improve your symptoms?
- Do you have asthma and are on regular inhalers but do not feel that your symptoms are well enough controlled?
- Do you have newly diagnosed high blood pressure or has your Doctor told you that you need a change in your tablets to improve your blood pressure control?

If you have said **YES** to any of these questions and are interested in finding out more please telephone Sue Matthews or Beverley Lewis Belza on 01225 860033.

## Your health, your care, your say

What are your views on health and social care services in Bradford on Avon? How do you think they can be improved?

One way of getting your voice heard is through a Patient Participation Group.

Many thanks to the **19** patients who have expressed an interest in joining a Patient Participation Group at The Health Centre. We will be holding an informal meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at The Health Centre at 6.30 p.m. to discuss how we can run this group.

If you haven't got round to leaving your **name, address and telephone number** at Reception do not worry. Just ask at Reception to speak with Anna Carpenter, Trainee Practice Manager.

