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Marden Medical Centre Patient Participation Group



Marden Medical Centre News:

For the latest Marden Medical Centre updates please refer to the Surgery website: https://www.mardenmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/



Dr Neil Potter Announces his retirement from the partnership at the end of June 2023

Neil will have completed 25 years and is the longest-serving team member. He plans to work as a locum for local practices, including ours, which will shift his workload back to clinical care.

Happily, we have recruited Dr Rob Derrick who is already working for us and was a Registrar (GP in training) here in 2020. He has been in partnership in Tunbridge Wells since that time. He will formally take over the care of Dr Potter's regular patients from July.

He will offer much-needed support both clinical and administrative as well as having a special interest in training and supporting new clinicians. Marden Medical Centre will be ready to face future challenges with the same high standards.

Surgery Receptionist - Carers Champion

Louise Wakeman, one of our receptionists is now our Carers Champion. If anyone has any questions about the role as a carer champion or would like more information, they can visit our resources table in the waiting room or speak with Louise at the Surgery.

Updated Marden Medical Centre Mission Statement

Our mock CQC visit has prompted us to review our mission statement which hasn't been updated for some years. After consultation with the PPG committee and staff team, this is our new statement:

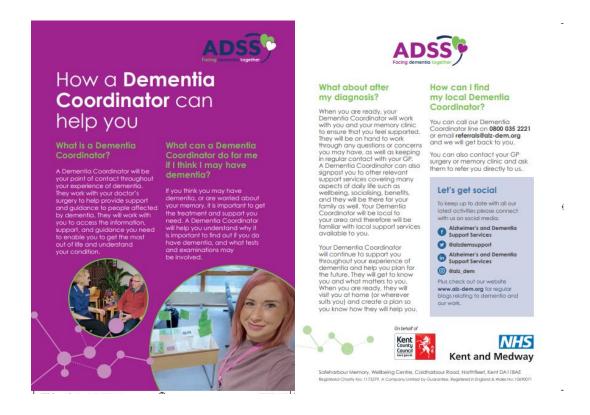
"We strive to provide high quality, safe and accessible healthcare where all are treated with kindness, care and compassion"

We believe it reflects the practice ethos. The NHS is facing many challenges but it is our belief that is important that we hold onto the principle that kindness, care and compassion should be at the centre of all that we aim to do.

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West Kent Dementia Coordinators

The Surgery is working with West Kent Dementia Coordinators (leaflet below) and someone from their service will be visiting the Surgery on a monthly basis to proactively reach-out to patients living with dementia and their carers.



Other News:

Over 50's Weekly Exercise Classes at the Marden Congregational Church



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The exercise classes are Friday morning from 1030 am. Prices start from £6. Contact Hamish Stratin for more information on 07845 792586.

Kent Community Services Consultation

KCC are proposing changes to the way it is using its buildings and some of its Community Services. KCC are inviting feedback on its proposals as part of this consultation. The services are Children's Centres and Youth Hubs, Public Health Services for Children and Families, Community Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Community Learning and Skills (Adult Education), and Gateways. Marden's Children Centre has been unfortunately identified for potential closure.

Learn more about the proposed changes and have your say: https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/communityservices-consultation

Eating Disorders Week - 27th Feb -5th March 2023



Beating Eating Disorders are the UK's eating disorder charity. Founded in 1989 as the Eating Orders Association, their mission is to end the pain and suffering caused by eating disorders.

See https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/

Cost of Living Support Event – 23rd February 11:00-3:00pm – Marden Memorial Hall

