

Chipping Campden Surgery Newsletter April 2023

Dispensary

Stock shortages – please note that all pharmacies and dispensaries are still experiencing stock shortages on various prescription items. Therefore, please allow 4 working days from ordering to collection of prescriptions.

Thank you.

HRT PPC available from 1 April 2023

On 1 April 2023, a new Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) will be introduced to reduce the cost of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). If you are prescribed HRT, check if an HRT PPC will be more suitable for you. It covers an unlimited number of listed HRT medicines.

Find more information on the Hormone Replacement Therapy Prescription Prepayment Certificate page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/help-nhs-prescription-costs/nhs-hormone-replacement-therapy-prescription-prepayment-certificate-hrt-ppc>

Blood pressure

We have been working with Campden pharmacy to offer patients who have not had their blood pressure checked in the last 5 years to obtain a reading from the pharmacy, who will then inform us for your records. If you have a home BP machine, please also send us your readings so that we can also add this to your notes.

Mindfulness paper

Dr Villarreal has recently had his paper published about the effects of mindfulness in doctors:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/21501319221138425>

Nursing team vacancy

We have a vacancy currently for a part time Health Care Assistant/Treatment room Nurse – please contact the surgery on correspondence.campdensurgery@nhs.net if you are interested in finding out more details.

Spring Covid Boosters

These are being organised via the North Cotswold Primary Care Network of practices, of which we are a member. Eligible patients will be invited to attend in due course. Please do not contact the practice as you will be invited if you are eligible, thank you.

Patient participation Group

We are currently emailing our current patient group members to ask for feedback ahead of the meeting in April and will circulate the outcome of the meeting in the May news bulletin.