

# PRACTICE NEWSLETTER March 2021

## **STAFF INFORMATION**

Since our last newsletter we have said goodbye to

Dr Van Biljon and Dr Hutchinson.

We welcomed Dr Adriana Nastase, Trainee GP on the 4 February and we will be welcoming two further GP Registrars in April 2021.

# **NURSES APPOINTMENTS**

Please note that due to long term absence we are currently short of nursing staff. Please be aware that this may affect the waiting time for some appointments.

# COVID VACCINATION SITE

We would like to mention the Grantham Table Tennis Club Covid Vaccination Centre and the Meres Leisure Centre and how grateful we are to all the volunteers and staff working there, and for the help from relatives and neighbours in getting our frail elderly patients down there to get their vaccinations. Thank you.



### HOSPITAL REFERRALS AND APPOINTMENTS

During Covid the hospitals had to close some of the clinics; some are now running again however some are still not open. Please be aware that whilst clinics were not running they were still accepting referrals and so there is going to be a backlog and a wait to be seen. Please be patient, you can expect to wait up to 12 weeks for an appointment which is the normal waiting time for a routine appointment. The Referral Facilitation Service will be booking you into the clinics with the shortest waiting times and sometimes this may mean that you have to travel.

The appointment line for Lincoln County Hospital, should you wish to see where your referral is on the waiting list, is <u>01522 573200</u> Option 1, this is the same number for follow up appointments but choose Option 2 or contact your consultant's secretary who should be able to help you.