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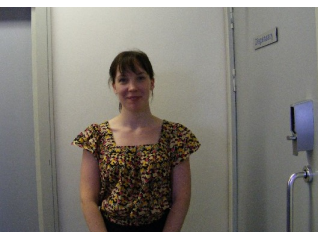
Back in the Saddle

We are delighted to announce that from September the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Market Harborough Hospital will once again be served by doctors from Market Harborough Medical Centre. The nurses will still be the first line in running the MIU. They are highly trained and have always provided an excellent service that is quick, safe and convenient. Now our doctors will once again be available to advise them and review cases that are more complex or serious. This will greatly increase the range of illness and injury that can be dealt with at the MIU. It means that, apart from exceptional circumstances, it will no longer be necessary for the staff to refer patients on to A&E at Kettering or Leicester, preventing all the delay and duplication of procedures that is an inevitable risk of attending the big A&E departments in those towns. Patients in and around Market Harborough can once again attend their own local casualty department, confident that their problem can be fully managed on the spot. This will include problems requiring X-ray, acute illnesses and dispensing of necessary urgent medicines. This service is complimentary to the acute triage service we currently run at the Medical Centre and will operate from 9 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

Market Harborough Hospital's unit treats minor illness and injuries. It is open seven days a week from 9 am to 9 pm.

New Starters

We said a sad goodbye to our registrars at the end of July but we are pleased to welcome four more, Dr Atkinson, Dr Warwick, Dr Cleveland and Dr Cowling. The Medical Centre is a training practice and the Registrars are fully qualified Doctors who have decided to further their career in a general practice situation.



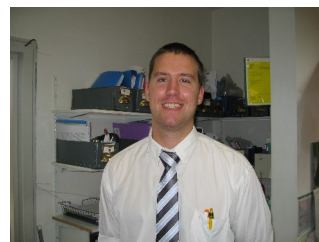
Dr Atkinson's mentor
will be Dr Leach



Dr Cowling's mentor
will be Dr Yates



Dr Warwick's mentor
will be Dr Bishop



Dr Cleveland's mentor
will be Dr Crowley

Be Alert about Swine Flu

Don't forget - If you think you may have swine flu - **PLEASE STAY AT HOME** and follow government guidelines found at:

www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu or

Telephone **0800 1 513 100** or

Text phone **0800 1 513 200**



Seasonal Flu

The annual flu season has come around again!

Flu vaccinations are free to all those aged over 65 years or for patients who suffer from any chronic diseases.

Flu appointments can be booked from the 1st of September and will be held on the **7th, 14th and 21st October**. Book yours now!



GP Trainer

We are pleased to announce that Dr Yates is now a qualified GP Trainer. This will allow him to pass on his knowledge to the future GP's who come here to enhance their careers.



Dr Blake is Back in the Saddle

As you may already know Dr Blake took part in a 4 day cycle ride from London to Paris last year. Well, he is on his travels again. The event is organized in aid of the British Skin Foundation which is important to Dr Blake as he has a special interest in Dermatology. He will cover around 300 miles and last year he managed to raise over £6000.

This year he is hoping to get the support of many of our local businesses.

More information can be found in the news section of our website at www.marketharboroughmedicalcentre.co.uk

We all wish Dr Blake lots of luck with this adventure and hope he doesn't come back too saddle sore!!