

Patient Participation Group News update



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Baslow Health Centre PPG – News update September 2025

The Patient Participation Group meet quarterly with Practice Manager Brodie Bagshaw. This newsletter gives an update on our doctors and staff, the Autumn/Winter vaccination programmes and the NHS app.

Doctors and Staff

We would like to thank Dr Gill for his hard work, excellence and dedication to us, his patients, over the last eight years. He showed the strength to overcome difficult challenges presented by COVID and the loss of Dr Jordan and still lead the team to provide a high quality, caring service. We wish him the all the best in his new role.

When Dr Gill leaves in November we will be welcoming Drs Fernandes and Walker to the practice.

Autumn/Winter vaccination programmes

Flu



The practice is providing flu vaccinations at Baslow Health Centre and in residents home where they are unable to come to the

practice. We have a register of patients who are clinically deemed housebound

The NHS recommends flu vaccination for several groups:

From 1 September 2025

- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2025
- children with certain long-term health conditions (aged 6 months to less than 18 years)
- primary school aged children (from reception to Year 6)
- secondary school aged children (from Year 7 to Year 11)
- all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6 months to under 18 years

From 1 October 2025

- everyone aged 65 years and over
- individuals aged 18 to under 65 with certain long-term health conditions
- care home residents
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- those living with people who are immunocompromised
- frontline health and social care workers

As we enter the 2025/26 flu season, taking proactive steps to protect your health has never been more important. As well as providing individual protection, flu vaccination will help reduce hospitalisations and relieve some of the burden on the NHS this winter.

COVID

COVID vaccinations can be provided via the NHS National Booking Service at participating sites. Baslow Health Centre will provide vaccinations for patients in care homes and who are housebound.

The announced and authorised cohorts eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine for Autumn/Winter 2025/26 are:

- residents in a care home for older adults

- all adults aged 75 years and over
- persons aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

RSV

Older adult catch up group 75-79 should have been vaccinated

NHS App



The NHS is increasing the services and information provided on and via the NHS app. The increasing use of electronic medical records by hospitals and general practices gives the potential for improved communication and for patients to be more informed about their health. The app was introduced in January 2019 and is slowly improving and increasing in scope. It is available on smartphones and tablets. Some of the apps' main functions are listed below.

- Request repeat prescriptions
- Check if you need urgent medical help using 111
- GP health record, medical history and test results
- Upcoming and past appointments
- GP and hospital messages

- Hospital and specialist care appointments

It is worth downloading and assessing the app to see if it is helpful to you. If you have given the practice your mobile phone number messages from the practice will be sent to the app, if the app is not detected on your smartphone a text message will be sent instead.