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**OCTOBER 2025 – SURGERY NEWSLETTER**

**Dementia Support Event**

Tendring Primary Care Network in collaboration with Great Bentley Surgery have arranged a Dementia Support Morning. This event will be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at The Methodist Hall, Forge Lane, Great Bentley from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Patients and their family or friends are welcome to come along to this event to find out what support is available for patients living with dementia.



Appointments are now on the system for the flu jabs and invites have been sent out to those who are eligible for this by text message, with a link to book an appointment.

**Text Invites for Vaccinations**

If you receive an invite by text message to book an appointment for a vaccination at the Surgery, it would be very helpful if you could use the link attached to the message to book this.

It is very quick and easy to do this and means that you will save time by not having to phone the Surgery and hold on to speak to a receptionist. For patients that are not able to book by using the link, they can of course still contact the Surgery to book this.

**Medication Reviews**

We now have over 7,000 patients on repeat medication who require at least an annual review of their medication. Although we understand that it would be nice to speak to a doctor for this, we do need to ensure that our GP appointments are used for patients that either need to be seen, or need to speak to a doctor about a medical condition. We have a very qualified prescribing Clinical Pharmacist, Chidera who will be carrying out medication reviews for our patients at Great Bentley Surgery.

**Autumn Covid Booster**

The autumn Covid booster will not be administered by the Surgery. The criteria this year for the Covid booster is for anyone 75 years of age and older, patients living in a care home, or patients under the age of 75 years who are immuno-suppressed.

**Patient Participation Group**

The Patient Participation Group will not be meeting in October.

**Sue Mitson – Operations Manager**