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# Branch End News

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## **FLU CLINICS**

We are awaiting the date for delivery of the flu vaccine but the clinics will be held in OCTOBER.

We will be advertising the dates for the clinics in the Hexham Courant near the end of September, as well as in the surgery.

It is particularly important for you to be vaccinated if you are over 65 and/or have one of the following conditions:

- Diabetes
- Asthma or Bronchitis
- Thyroid Problems
- Heart Trouble
- Kidney Disease
- Illnesses requiring chemotherapy or corticosteroids
- Any other chronic, debilitating illness

If you do not wish to have a flu injection, could you please let us know so we can mark your records accordingly for this year only. Due to government requirements, we must invite you to attend annually, if you fall into any of the categories above.

## **Breast Screening**

All women aged between the age of 50 and 70 are invited for breast screening every three years. Breast cancer risk rises as women get older.

There were **75** women on our patient list who **did not attend** for the breast screening this year at the mobile unit at Prudhoe.

If you have missed your appointment and would like to be screened please ring:

**Royal Victoria Infirmary**

**Tel: 0191 282 0202**

## **Telephone Befriending Service**

- Would a regular telephone call help?
- Do you feel lonely?
- Would you like contact with a friendly voice for company and advice?
- Do you have a friend, relative or neighbour who would benefit from a friendly telephone call?

Pick up a leaflet or contact the Age Concern Office in Alnwick Telephone:

- **01665 510244 and ask for Liz Spence**

## **New Doctors**

We would like to welcome Dr Gareth Forbes and Dr Matthew Robinson who are joining our team for the next 6 months.

We would like to thank Dr Vicky Blaylock and Dr Alan Whitmore for their valuable contribution to the practice over the last 6 months and wish them the best of luck in the future.

Dr Alan Whitmore has written a letter and some information on **EYES** which is attached.