

# Summer Hill & Rostrevor Surgeries Newsletter

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## Multi Disciplinary Teams

**We are delighted to tell you that we are now one of a small number of Practices across the entire Southern Trust to have a Multi-Disciplinary Team in place.**

**Turn over to page two of the newsletter to meet the team and find out what services we now offer.**

## Rostrevor Surgery Update

**Since the beginning of the first lockdown, it has unfortunately been impossible for us to keep two surgeries open to the public. An early infection control assessment made it clear that Rostrevor Surgery was unsuitable for patients entering the premises routinely.**

**In addition, we have been sending our doctors to the COVID Centre in Banbridge throughout the Pandemic, whilst also facing the same issues as all other organisations, in terms of social distancing, self isolation, school closures, sickness and absence.**

**We understand that it may appear things are returning to normal, however we must be very cautious as we remain in a Global Pandemic. In a very short space of time we will be moving towards Autumn/Winter, and there are many healthcare challenges ahead of us. We therefore hope our Rostrevor patients can understand that it is not currently possible to safely open Rostrevor Surgery's doors for patient access. It is currently too early to put a timeline on re-opening and also too early to outline which services will operate from Rostrevor in the future.**

**All our services continue to be available from Summer Hill Surgery in Warrenpoint. These services are currently accessed by 'Phoning First To Be Triaged' and are available to all our patients regardless of where they live.**

**We strive to provide the best care possible to our patients living in Rostrevor, Killowen, Warrenpoint, Burren, Mayobridge, and the rural community within these boundaries.**

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

**Our COVID-19 Vaccination programme commenced on 14 January 21, and we continue to make good progress. We are delighted to see our community starting to open up again, but please be careful and continue to follow Public Health guidance.**

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## Meet Our Multi-Disciplinary Team

We are delighted to advise you that we now have a range of healthcare professionals working within our Practice. When you ring, staff may ask you some questions regarding the nature of your query. This is so they can direct you to the person who can help you best.

The various healthcare professionals working within the Practice are:

**General Practitioners** (*General medical and maternity services, family planning, minor surgery and chronic disease management*)

**Pharmacists** (*Deal with medication queries, and specialise in Diabetes care*)

**Physiotherapist** (*Help with joints, muscles and soft tissue problems such as back pain, neck pain, painful joints or sprains and strains*)

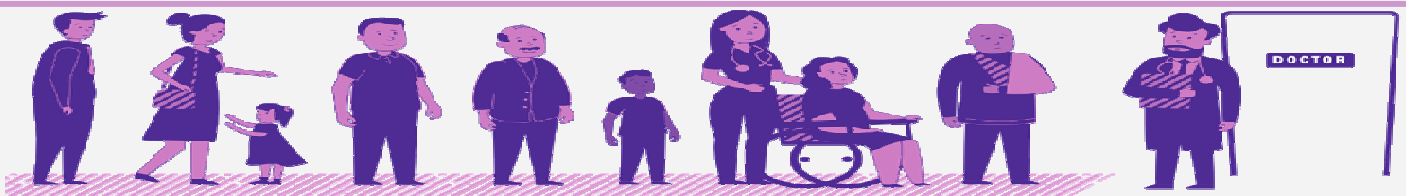
**Mental Health Practitioner** (*Help and guide patients with problems affecting their mental health*)

**Social Workers** (*Help and support patients with matters such as isolation or loneliness, carer support, relationship difficulties, parenting difficulties, stress, bereavement, trauma, addiction*)

**Health Visitors** (*Child Health surveillance, vaccination and support*)

**District Nursing** (*Community nursing for the frail and housebound*)

**Practice Nurse** (*Specialist in Diabetes, Asthma, COPD, and cervical screening*)



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