

HOB News

New Staff

Kasia Jacewicz – Practice Nurse

Emma Kayser – Pharmacy Technician

Dr Oldham – GP (starting in October)

Farewells

Lesley Lloyd – Phlebotomist

Grace Hosking – Receptionist

Dr Johanna Nelson – GP (on maternity leave)

Laura Fry – Physician Associate (leaving in October)

Isabelle Perrier – Receptionist / Oldfield office manager (leaving for maternity in November)

Natasha Wilkinson – Receptionist (leaving for maternity in December)

Flu vaccines

It's that time of year again! We will be carrying out flu vaccinations throughout September and October.

We are administering these to all **over-65s** and to those aged **18-64** years who are in a **clinical risk** group.

You will receive notification to book in for a vaccine if you are eligible. Clinics will be held at Oldfield surgery.

COVID Vaccinations

Heart of Bath will also be administering the Covid autumn booster to **eligible patients** at the same time as the flu vaccine, if wanted.

Housebound patients

The **Integrated Care Board (ICB)** will be administering the flu and Covid vaccines to our housebound patients. They will be contacting patients themselves to arrange visit dates, so please wait to be contacted by the ICB directly.

Students complete the Coast to Coast walk to support the homeless

Two teenagers from Bath have walked the 300km Wainwright Coast to Coast route, raising money for local charity Julian House.

Dan Woodward and Toby Davies, 16-year-old students at Kingswood School, set off from Cumbria's St Bees Head in late July on a 12 day, 190mile adventure, west to east, ending at Robin Hood's Bay on the North Yorkshire Moors.



Toby and Dan at the start of the Coast to Coast walk | Photo courtesy of Julian House

The pair have raised vital funds for those experiencing homelessness and domestic abuse.

Dan said: "We recognise how privileged we are to be able to challenge ourselves out of choice with this immense walk across the country and understand that some do not have this privilege.

"We want to raise money for Julian House because they help support people who are living through tough times and challenges such as

homelessness and domestic abuse out of chance, and not out of choice.”

To donate to their Just Giving page and help support Julian House in its efforts to support vulnerable and at-risk people, visit www.justgiving.com/page/coast2coast-tobydan

Circuit of Bath Walk

On 24th September, a team of Heart of Bath employees completed the Circuit of Bath Walk to raise money for the homelessness charity Julian House.

Heart of Bath works closely alongside Julian House, helping to support over 2,000 vulnerable men, women and children experiencing homelessness and escaping domestic abuse across the South West.

It took our team approximately 10 and a half hours to complete the 20.9 mile circuit, with a few refreshment stops along the way. Our team was able to experience and appreciate the historic city and countryside surrounding Bath, whilst raising over £500 for a great cause.

To donate to their Just Giving page, visit www.justgiving.com/page/katie-liddle-1692953297262



Clinical Trials

Heart of Bath and lead research nurse Mary Fifield were thrilled to win the 'Collaboration in Research' category award at the Clinical Research Network West of England 2023 Awards on the 14th September. Congratulations to everyone involved!



You will see posters up for the **RAPID TEST** trial at Oldfield and St James' Surgeries.

This clinical trial is looking at whether a quick test of a nose and throat swab can reduce unnecessary use of antibiotics. Patients aged 12 months and older with a new respiratory tract infection may be eligible to take part.

The **RAPID TEST** trial is running at Oldfield Surgery and the research team will contact you if there is an opportunity for you/your child to take part.

Find out more here: <https://rapidtest.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/>

NEW DIABETES STUDY COMING SOON

This clinical trial will be for patients diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes and looking at the impact of new medications on blood glucose control and weight loss.

Look out for posters with more information coming soon ...

PPG (Patient Participation Group)

For any further information please visit our website <https://heartofbath.com>

The next Patient Participation Group (PPG) meeting will take place on 12th December at 6pm via Zoom - please email us at bswicb.heartofbath@nhs.net if you would like to take part.

Prescriptions

Repeat prescriptions can no longer be requested through community pharmacies.

Prescriptions can be ordered directly through any of the following routes:

- Call Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) on 03003035090 (local rate)
- Email your request to POD at bswemergency@nhs.net
- Complete the POD online contact form
- Online via the NHS App or our online SystemOne repeat service
- By post to Oldfield Surgery, 45 Upper Oldfield Park, Bath BA2 3HT
- Drop your repeat request slip into the surgery

Appointment booking

If you need to cancel, change or request a routine nurse, GP or physiotherapy appointment please email our reception team at the below email address:

bswicb.appointments.heartofbath@nhs.net

For any other queries, please email the surgery at the below email address:

bswicb.heartofbath@nhs.net

Many thanks for all your co-operation.