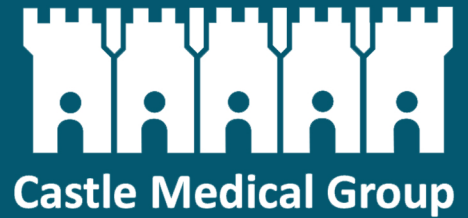


patient newsletter

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retirement announcement

A MESSAGE FROM DR JOHN ADDISON

"It is with delight and a contrasting tinge of sadness that I announce that I will be retiring from my position as GP at Castle Medical Group (formerly Ashby Health Centre) at the end of January 2025. I first came to Ashby as a GP Trainee (now called a GP Registrar) in February 1997 so almost 28 years later, to the day, I will conclude my time with the Practice.

I have worked with some great doctors, nurses, health care assistants, practice managers and all the other staff that have worked for the Practice or who have been associated with the Practice.

Over the years I have met many lovely patients and you have allowed me into your lives which has been a privilege.

The NHS has changed considerably during my career as computers have taken over, something I have embraced and supported but I feel that now is the time to hang up my stethoscope and move on to the next phase of my life.

I will not be disappearing though as I am a member of Gresley Male Voice Choir, we perform many concerts each year raising money for charity. It's been a great part of my life for the last 10 years and something I will continue to enjoy. Look us up on Facebook and come and see us...or join us.

I live locally so you might still see me walking my dogs but please don't ask me about anything medical!" DR J. ADDISON

appointment changes

There is nothing more important to us than you, our patients. We have made the difficult decision to restrict the number of patients that we will be able to see during our 'sit and wait' and 'duty doctor' clinics.

This is to ensure that we are not putting your safety at risk as this is important to us.

We appreciate that this may mean that you are diverted to another service or find it harder to get the appointment you need.

Please be kind to our team and we ask for your support with this.

The reason we are doing this is... no matter how many hours we work, we still can't see all the patients that need our care. We believe GP practices deserve more funding, so that we can expand our team, deliver the services you require and make it easier for you to get an appointment.

if you would like more information on how you can support us, please visit:

www.castlemedicalgroup.co.uk/latest-news

www.rebuildgp.co.uk/for-our-patients

www.bma.org.uk/gpsonyourside



Castle Medical Group **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

- TOMBOLA
- CAKE SALE
- GUESS PUDSEY'S BIRTHDAY

MAIN RECEPTION 9AM - 3PM

fundraising

On Friday 15th November 2024, Castle Medical Group Staff and our PPG Patient Participation Group will be supporting this years' BBC Children in Need Appeal.

There will be a tombola, cake sale, and guess Pudsey's birthday game in our main reception area from 9am - 3pm on the day - so why not pay us a visit?

Donations: If any patients or businesses are willing to donate a prize to our tombola these would be very much appreciated. These must be sealed/unused items, wine, spirits, chocolates, biscuits, sweets. Also, any keen bakers out there, we would be grateful for donations of cakes/biscuits (individually wrapped - with a list of ingredients).

Your support is much appreciated!