

## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

Please be aware that prescriptions will now take **72 hours (3 working days)** to process

### **PRESCRIPTION ORDERING DIRECT (POD)**

A new and convenient way to order your repeat prescription – all it takes is a simple phone call that you can make from the comfort of your own home – there's no need to go into your GP practice or pharmacy.

You'll also speak to a trained prescription clerk who can discuss your needs meaning you'll only order medication when you need it – saving the NHS money to spend on other important services.

**Call NHS Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) on**

**01793 683 755**

**Have your voice heard, enable public choice, drive improvement and care.**

Would you like to join the Priory Road Participation Group?

If you are interested please ask for a form at Reception.



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## **SURGERY NEWS**

### **STAFF UPDATE**

It saddens the Practice to announce the retirement of Angela Zerebecki – Assistant Practice Manager. Her last working day will be Friday 1 December.

Angela has been an integral part of Priory Road for the last 25 years. Her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment and dedication are worthy of admiration.

She will be sorely missed, the Practice wish her the best of luck for the future.

### **Flu Jab**



**Have you had your flu jab this year?**

**Please contact the surgery to make an appointment**

## WINTER HEALTH PROMOTIONS

Please take a moment to have a look at the Health Promotion Board in the Waiting Room which will give you more information on Alcohol Awareness Week – 13 to 19 November 2017

### Alcohol Awareness Week

13 – 19 November 2017



The aim of Alcohol Awareness Week is to get people thinking about alcohol – how it affects us as individuals, families, communities and society as a whole.

Did you know that alcohol is linked to over 60 medical conditions? Harms from alcohol go much further than the liver, it can cause high blood pressure and is also linked to diabetes, depression and cancer.

#### Drink driving

**The UK currently has one of the highest blood alcohol limits for driving in the world, at 80mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood. Most European countries have a limit of 50 mg.**

**Drivers with a blood alcohol level of 50mg-80mg are 2-2.5 times more likely to crash** than those with no alcohol in their blood, and up to six times more likely to be involved in fatal collision.

Lowering the limit in England and Wales could **save up to 100 lives a year and £300 million in costs to emergency services.**