**COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES**

**HAVE YOU GOT A COUPLE OF HOURS EACH WEEK YOU COULD SPARE TO SUPPORT SOMEONE IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

Our local CoCo (Compassionate Communities) Group has been running for a number of years with the support of the Practice. Many local people have benefited from the support and friendship offered by the group and we now have a waiting list for their services.

The group would welcome any additional volunteers in and around the Much Wenlock & Cressage area who may be able to use a little of their spare time each week to help a frail or vulnerable person to maintain their links within our community. This won’t involve personal care but could involve phoning them on a regular basis; calling in for a chat; accompanying them to the shops or assisting them in those little tasks of daily living such as household paperwork, walking the dog etc.

Full training and support will be provided and you will be making a real difference for someone in your community.

**INTERESTED?** Then please contact the Surgery in the first instance and we will direct you to the CoCo Co-Ordinator.

**New – Community News Board**

Are you involved in a community group and you would like to tell the community about the group? Any personal achievements you would like to share? We now have a community news board in the waiting rooms at both sites so that we can share information with the community. If you have any information you would like to display please hand to reception or email details to melanie.jones4@nhs.net.

**EXTENDED ACCESS TO GP & NURSE APPOINTMENTS**

A reminder for our patients - there is a network of GP Practices within Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin offering extended access. The service offers routine GP & Nurse appointments to patients on weekdays evenings and Saturday mornings.

Listed below are some of the Practices that offer routine GP & Nurse extended hours appointments throughout the week and Saturday morning:-

* Riverside Medical Practice, Shrewsbury
* Haughmond View Medical Practice, Shrewsbury
* South Hermitage Surgery, Shrewsbury
* Mount Pleasant Medical Centre, Shrewsbury
* Marysville Medical Practice
* Mytton Oak Medical Practice
* Bridgnorth Medical Practice
* Albrighton Medical Practice
* Ditton Priors Medical Practice
* Station Drive Surgery
* Shawbirch Medical Practice
* Donnington Medical Practice
* Lawley Medical Practice

To access this service please telephone: **0333 222 6649** to arrange a routine appointment and if you find evening or weekend appointments more convenient.

**PATIENT ONLINE ACCESS REGISTRATION FORMS**

If you have registered for patient online access please remember to collect your unique log in registration details from Reception. Thank you.