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## February Newsletter

### **Staff News**

We have another exciting addition to our team this month!

Starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Asrih Arif, our new GP registrar.

GP Registrars are qualified doctors who train to become GPs through a period of working and training in medical practices. He is excited to join the Te Ngae team and is looking forward to meeting our patients. He will be with us until August 2021.

### **Cervical Screening**

A cervical smear is performed to find any abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix. Please make sure you are up to date with your cervical smear, you can contact your Practice Nurse at your medical centre for further advice and to find out if you are due for this important test. We are in the process of contacting our patients who are due for their regular screening this month so if you do receive communication from us please ensure you book an appointment.

### **COVID Update**

Please stay vigilant when visiting our practice. We do require you to use our contact tracer app when in the practice and if you are feeling unwell to phone us before your appointment and let us know. Please remember our doctors can also offer virtual consults as an alternative, so please let the team know when making appointments if you prefer this method.

### **Te Ngae Road Works**

NZ Transport Authority has advised motorists to expect significant changes to the Tarawera Roundabout next week. The roundabout will be shifted overnight on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February as part of the ongoing upgrade to the intersection. Please be advised to expect delays when travelling around this area in the coming weeks, particularly with the new layout and plan accordingly when travelling to your appointments.