

Brackley Medical Centre

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Doctors

Dr Philip Stevens MBBCh (Cardiff) MRCGP DRCOG FP Cert

Partner, qualified in 1978, interested in medical training and an approved GP trainer for over twenty years. Chair of the CCG locality board.

Dr John Harrison MBBS (London) FRCP MRCGP DFFP DRCOG DipOccMed

Partner, qualified in 1984, approved GP trainer, hospital endoscopist. Chair of Principal Medical Limited, a local provider organisation involved in the provision of primary care and community based medical services. Medical interests include diabetes, osteoporosis and occupational medicine.

Dr Jane Cassidy BMedSci MBBS (Nottingham) DipOccMed

Partner, qualified in 1987, has interests in women's health and occupational medicine.

Dr Paul Parsons MBChB (Birmingham) MRCGP DRCOG DFFP PGCertMDE

Partner, qualified in 1991, approved GP trainer and has interests in GP education, minor surgery and neurology. He chairs the surgery patient group.

Dr Jane Charles-Nash MBBS (London) MRCGP DRCOG DFFP

Partner, qualified in 2003. Dr Charles-Nash has specialist interests in family planning, women's health issues and dermatology.

Dr Jean Paton Ker MBBS (London) MRCP MRCGP DCH DFRSH

Partner, qualified in 2006, interested in general medicine, cardiology and substance misuse.

Dr Jill Leddy MBChB (Liverpool) MRCGP, DCH, DRCOG

Partner, qualified in 1993, interested in mental health, acute trauma, menopause, joint injections, sleep problems.

Dr Tina Beardsworth MBChB (Sheffield) DFFP MRCGP DRCOG

Partner, qualified in 1990. Dr Beardsworth is an approved GP trainer and involved with establishing the new local Primary Care Network.

Dr Helen Carslaw MBBCh (Cardiff) MRCGP DCH DFRSH DRCOG

Salaried associate, qualified 2005, interests in in medical education (undergraduate teaching), medical writing and family planning.

Dr Mary Hollands MBBS (London) MRCGP

Salaried associate.

Salaried associate, qualified 2009

Practice profile

Brackley is an attractive market town which has gradually expanded over the past twenty years and is presently subject to another wave of house-building adding a further 2000 homes. Road connections are excellent, with both the M40 and M1 only a few minutes away. Travel time from Oxford is approximately 30 minutes, from Banbury approximately 15 minutes and Milton Keynes 25 minutes. We refer to local district general hospital at Banbury ('The Horton'), Northampton and also to the Oxford Hospitals.

Brackley Medical Centre comprises the two formerly separate but adjoining practices of Washington House and Brackley Health Centre. The original Washington House building was constructed as a house in the 1930s with stone taken from Sulgrave Manor, the family home of George Washington. During 1990 the property was converted to medical use and has been further extended subsequently. The former Health Centre site across the road is a more modern building which now functions primarily as our acute care hub for walk-in patients. The practice area is semi-rural and extends to all the surrounding villages including Helmdon and Sulgrave to the north, and as far as Souldern and Hethe southwards. Our patient list is just in excess of 14,000 however we have tried to retain the feel of a small, supportive and friendly practice team.

The practice prides itself on providing excellent patient care, with an academic slant. It is characterised by its dynamism and innovation. The NHS is a complex and constantly evolving organisation and BMC seeks to adapt to the changing healthcare environment through encouraging learning and self-development for its entire staff. There is a commitment to quality improvement projects, audit and training. The practice is part of the Northampton-based Nene Clinical Commissioning Group and is deeply embedded in both commissioning and the provision of novel services locally in response to the changing NHS structure. We have particularly close links with a GP-owned and led provider organisation *Principal Medical Limited* (PML) which was established by two of our GP partners ten years ago and which is now a key component of the local health care economy.

We are very excited to be moving to brand new, purpose-built premises in spring 2020 as part of an innovative health care campus including the GP surgery, pharmacy, community services (district nurses, school nurses, podiatry, physiotherapy and diagnostics including XR and ultrasound), a new community hospital with in-patient beds and an adjoining private care home. The new hospital will give registrars the opportunity to be involved in the in-patient care of the elderly. Provision is being made for visiting specialist clinics, enhanced minor surgery, and an urgent care hub. The building has been planned with education foremost in our minds, with large training rooms, and conference facilities and the latest IT solutions.

There is a long history of GP registrar training at the practice with four approved GP trainers currently. Another of our doctors is an undergraduate tutor at Southampton and Oxford universities. There is a mix of trainees working in the practice at any one time, usually one ST3 and either an ST1 or ST2. The registrar has their own fully-equipped room and the surgery has a large meeting room with library. As a 'learning

organisation' we are committed to teaching and staff training and run fortnightly clinical meetings involving the whole team, a weekly journal club for clinical staff (at which trainees often present papers or cases) and quarterly protected learning time events ('lunch and learn'). Practice learning activities are overseen and planned by an education committee in which the registrar plays a key role. We have recently recruited both a clinical pharmacist and paramedic to our team and are closely involved with their training and professional development. We have also recently provided educational supervision to practice nurses, district nurses and pharmacists undertaking diplomas in prescribing.

As a registrar we work with you to make sure your learning is tailored to your individual need, and do our very best to make you feel valued and involved. You will have the opportunity for weekly tutorials with all of our GP educators in order to benefit from a variety of styles and approaches. Typically we receive excellent feedback from our past trainees regarding both the teaching they have received and the broader surgery experience.

We have eleven permanent doctors – eight partners and three salaried GPs. We have the usual full complement of staff attached to the primary healthcare team including practice nurses, healthcare assistants, district nurses, midwife and health visitors. There is always plenty of opportunity for trainees to spent time with each of these. Our practice nurses and health care assistants see patients by appointment and run all the usual specialised clinics for patients with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease. In our current building there is suite of four treatment rooms for minor surgery, phlebotomy, ECGs, Spirometry, Coil fittings (one of our GPs is an approved FSRH trainer), and the full range of other procedures. We are having both a visiting practice counsellor and a substance abuse worker who hold clinics at the surgery.

We have responsibility for a number of local residential and nursing homes and in particular Juniper House, a large local facility with sixty beds providing specialist dementia care facilities.

We are fully-computerised using SystmOne and committed to maximising the potential of modern IT solutions within primary care practice.

As a rural surgery we have both a dispensary and a practice-owned pharmacy, *Lowick Limited*. The practice also has a keen interest in occupational medicine through its sister organisation *Washington House Occupational Health Limited* and is particularly involved with local F1 racing teams. There is a full complement of occupational nurses and technicians to provide support to the two GPs with a special interest in this area. Our primary focus and passion will always be to provide exemplary patient care. However our involvement with commissioning, PML and the running of these two businesses means we are also, perhaps uniquely, able to provide insights for our registrars into some of the exciting opportunities that general practice can provide outside of the core GMS contract.

In conclusion, Brackley Medical Centre can offer GP registrars a progressive, exciting and rounded learning experience across a broad range of areas in an attractive supportive and friendly setting. You are welcome to make contact with any of the four trainers for further information. We encourage you to visit the practice before making your choice - or for more information visit www.whsurgery.co.uk