

Practice/PPG Report 2019

2018/19 has been another very busy and successful year for the practice:-

Staffing Changes

- Dr Hein le Roux left the Practice last June to pursue his work with the Clinical Commissioning Group.
- Dr James Woodward has moved to Tetbury Surgery (following the departure of a salaried GP at Tetbury and Dr Woodward's house move).
- Dr Ariadne Strong joined the Practice as a salaried GP in November and has taken on Dr Woodward's list of patients.
- Dr Ellie Curry (salaried GP) is now on maternity leave. Her list is being covered by locums, mainly Dr Gill McInerney.
- Nurse Tina is currently on maternity leave and will return to the Practice in September.
- Nurse Anna has left the Practice to pursue other interests. The Practice is currently in discussions with the Royal Agricultural University regarding a change in service provision, possibly the introduction of an Advanced Nurse Practitioner at the University.
- Nurses June McDonald and Clare Wood have joined the Practice as Advanced Nurse Practitioners and are supporting the Practice's work in Nursing Homes.
- We currently have a Trainee with us, Dr Jonathan Maxted, who is in his final year of training.

Improved Access

- This year has seen the introduction of Improved Access clinics across the South Cotswold Locality. Additional clinics are being held at various locations and can be attended by patients from any of the South Cotswold Practices. Additional GP Clinics are being held at our Cirencester surgery on Saturday mornings and some Friday evenings (6.30 – 8.00pm). We have also been holding nurse clinics on a Saturday morning, but these finished at the end of February, as they did not prove popular.

Website

- During the year we changed our website provider to give us a more interactive website. This enables patients to submit questions etc., submit forms, and health information as well as accessing online prescription and appointment services. This is proving very popular and seeing a lot of patient activity. The CCG has now commissioned the same provider for all GP websites in Gloucestershire.

GMS Contract Merger

- The Practice undertook a Business Merger with Romney House Surgery in March 18 to form the Phoenix Health Group. Tetbury then changed their computer system to EMIS, the same as at Cirencester, in May 18. The two GMS Contract will merge from 1st April, 19 and will be followed by a merger of the computer systems at the end of April.

Premises

- The Practice is in discussions over a plot of land on which to build a new surgery, with both the land owner and the CCG. Discussions are progressing and we are planning to submit the Business Case to the CCG within the next three months.

Blood Pressure Monitoring

- And finally we have recently purchased new blood pressure monitors for both Cirencester and South Cerney. These will be located in the Waiting Rooms and will allow patients to take their own blood pressure readings.