

Dr Parrott's Retirement

At the beginning of November 2016 we said goodbye to our Senior GP Partner, Dr Jeffrey Parrott. He was with the practice for 31 years and has been integral in developing the practice into the service it is today. He was much loved by both patients and staff and will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Dr Kim – New GP Partner

We have also gained a new GP Partner, Dr Hyunkee Kim. He has been working at the practice for several years now, firstly as a locum GP, then as a Salaried GP and now as a GP Partner. He brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the challenges facing general practice, and will most certainly be a great asset to the practice in the years to come.

Winter Pressures

There has been much recent discussion of the difficulties and pressures facing the NHS this winter. We are doing what we can to alleviate these pressures by ensuring that any GP absences are fully covered and also providing extra GP sessions where possible to meet increased demand for appointments during the winter months. We have also faced pressures of our own recently, due to unexpected staff absence and illness. The wonderful practice team have worked very hard during this time to ensure services are maintained and to keep everything running smoothly.

Pharmacy in the Health Centre

There have been a great deal of unforeseen and frustrating delays with the installation of a Pharmacy in the Health Centre. However, we are coming towards the end of the process and are hopeful that the Pharmacy will be opening in the first half of 2017. We will keep patients updated via information displayed in the waiting area and on the website.

Practice Services & Activities

The practice undertakes a variety of services and activities that you may not be aware of. Here are a few:

Training Practice: We are a training practice for both GPs and Nurses. This means that trainee GPs (GP Registrars) will be placed here for 6-12 months as part of their GP training and Nurses are placed here for

several weeks as part of their Nursing studies. We also host medical students on training placements.

Teaching Practice: Several of our GPs also run teaching sessions in the practice for medical students as part of their university medical education.

Research Practice: We promote and support medical research being funded and/or conducted by the NHS. We do this in a variety of ways, from simply displaying posters about studies, to contacting eligible patients to offer them a chance to be involved in research relevant to their conditions, to carrying out on-site research consultations for patients who have enrolled in a study. Keep an eye out for information about studies you may be eligible for, and please remember that if you are ever asked about a study it is entirely up to you whether you wish to take part.

Bristol Rose Clinic: We run the Bristol Community Rose Clinic on behalf of Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group. This service provides advice and treatment for patients who have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM). The service is available to all patients with a Bristol GP. You can find out more information on our website, or contact the clinic by calling 07813 016911.

Bristol Circumcision Service: This is a private service, and is provided to ensure that parents who wish to have their son circumcised for religious or cultural reasons are able to access a safe service. The procedure is available for baby boys aged between 1 and 6 months. You can find out more on our website or by calling the practice on 0117 2444123 and selecting the option for the Bristol Circumcision Service.

Patient Participation Group

A quick reminder that we run a Patient Participation Group (PPG) and we are always keen for new members to join! The group meets a few times a year with members of the practice staff to discuss issues raised by both the PPG members themselves and the practice. Topics covered over the last year include: regular updates on the ongoing development of the new building, an overview of the new website, information on the new service for accessing medical information online, and discussion of the changes to our appointment system and the reasons behind them.

All patients are welcome – if you are interested, simply let reception know and we will send you some further information and details of the next meeting.

If you would prefer to be kept up-to-date via email you can join our patient email group – just give reception your email address and we'll add you to the list!

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