

## **PRACTICE PROFILE**

### **LONG ASHTON**

Long Ashton is a small pleasant village only two miles away from the Clifton Suspension Bridge and Bristol. It has two primary schools as well as excellent secondary schools nearby. There is a David Lloyd tennis and fitness club nearby. There are good motorway links a few miles away to the West Country and London. Bristol International airport is 10 minutes away.

### **THE PRACTICE**

The surgery premises are owned by the GPs and were extended and modernised in 2004. The Registrar will have their own large consulting room in the new extension next to the Trainer's room.

There are currently 5,922 patients registered with the practice. This number is increasing due to new housing developments. The practice covers Long Ashton and the nearby villages and is thus semi-rural. The practice population is mainly social class 1 to 3 although there is now more of a social mix as a result of recent housing developments.

The partnership consists of 4 GPs. The practice employs 17 staff (all part time) including 6 Receptionists, a Reception Manager, 2 Practice Nurses, a Health Care Assistant, 4 admin staff, a cleaner, a gardener and a Practice Manager. We have 4 District Nurses and a Health Visitor team attached to the practice, employed by North Somerset PCT. The practice premises are also used by a psychiatrist, a drugs and alcohol specialist nurse and by a counsellor.

The practice has a fully networked computer system using Torex Premiere with terminals in every consulting room as well as all office rooms. All clinical data is recorded electronically and all correspondence scanned directly into the patient record. The Practice is linked to the Health Authority for registration and to the Bristol Royal Infirmary for pathology results. We have an excellent intranet designed by one of the GPs and our website is due to go live soon.

The practice has a variety of regular staff meetings including significant event meetings, clinical meetings and weekly business meetings. We are keen to develop work-based learning for all members of the Primary Health Care Team. The GPs meet every day between 11am and midday to

have a coffee break and informal chat as well as doing the repeat prescriptions, discussing problems, etc. The registrar will be encouraged to attend all relevant meetings.

We are a friendly and democratic practice that is keen to provide a high quality of primary health care to our patients. We achieved maximum QOF (Quality & Outcome Framework) points this year.

All the GPs are involved in teaching Medical Students and we have been given “core teaching status” by the Academic Department of Primary Care of Bristol University. Peter Foreman has recently become an approved Trainer and two of the other partners would like to become Trainers in the future. All of the practice staff enjoy and support the teaching of medical students and they are all enthusiastic about having a Registrar in the practice.

### **GP PARTNERS**

Dr Peter Foreman (Nottingham, 1979) BSc BMedSci BM BS MRCP MRCGP DRCOG

Dr Gaye Hardiman (Bristol, 1976) MB ChB FPCert

Dr Mark O'Connor (London, 1989) MA MB BS MRCP MRCGP DipOccMed

Dr Jenny Grenfell-Shaw (Oxford, 1989) MA BM BCh MRCP MRCGP DRCOG DFFP

All the GPs have children and are keen to maintain a healthy work/life balance. Peter has three children aged 9,11 & 15 and his outside interests include skiing, running and sailing

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