

Practice and Training Profile – Hightown Surgery, Banbury

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Hightown Surgery is a thriving practice in purpose-built premises opposite the Horton Hospital. We have a list size of approximately 11000, serving Banbury and surrounding villages. We have a good demographic mix of patients and a larger than average number of children and young families.

Primary Health Care Team

Doctors: 5 partners and 4 salaried G.P.s, equivalent to 6 ½ full timers altogether.

Nursing team: 2 practice nurses, health care assistant, phlebotomist

Admin. team: Practice manager, I.T. manager, reception team, full admin. support team

Attached Staff : 3 community nurses, 2 health visitors and health visiting assistant, Macmillan nurse, Counsellor, Drugs and Alcohol Counsellor, new Primary Health Care Mental Health Worker, midwife.

We have a happy and committed team who are enthusiastic about training and appreciate having learners in the practice.

Computerisation

Full computerised with “Vision” (windows-based) system. Paperlight.

Training and Education

Hightown has been a training practice since 1992. Current trainer is Louise Cornwall, supported by the whole team, including Douglas Boyle who was a trainer for 15 years. All doctors take part in tutorials and informal teaching and we are fortunate in having 2 salaried assistants who recently trained on the Banbury scheme (with us) and who can therefore be especially helpful to new learners in the practice.

Our practice manager and I.T. manager also contribute to tutorials and all practice and attached staff are involved in teaching in one way or another.

Learners to date have included medical students, PRHOs (now F1/F2), registrars (now ST3s), nurses, midwifery and health visitor students, student counsellor and most recently a pharmacist. We have Oxford medical students in October each year.

In-house education :

weekly PHCT meeting (Monday lunchtime) with ½ hour slot for invited speaker or presentation/discussion by one of the team. Monthly audit meeting.

Monthly referral review meeting.

Doctors meet for sandwich every day which provides opportunity for discussing patients or subjects informally (and for social chat too!)

Additional interests

Research : Richard Lehman, Harold Hin

Family planning clinics : Sarah Lourenco, Rachel Urquart

OOH : Richard Lehman, Louise Cornwall, Vip Patel (easy for ST3s to get their sessions done). Excellent opportunity to learn telephone triage in particular.

Banbury area

A fast growing market town in a sea of countryside and villages. Good transport links and motorway access. Within easy reach of Oxford, Stratford, Warwick, Birmingham (and London by train).

Excellent DGH (with approachable consultants!) and post-grad centre just across the road. Monthly joint GP/consultant educational meetings. More specialist services provided in Oxford, about 40 minutes drive away.

Good sports' centre (and a new one in the pipeline) in the town and health club (posher gym) 1mile out. Arts' centre, cinema, museum, bowling, large shopping centre, lots of good country pubs and golf courses. Excellent local schools (state and independent).

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