

Training Profile for Montgomery House Surgery, Bicester.

Montgomery House Surgery was founded around 1914-18 by Drs Montgomery & House. It is one of the oldest practices in Bicester and so has a higher proportion of elderly patients compared to the average for Bicester. It has been a training practice for 25yrs, our last senior partner was the first registrar. The practice aims to give a high quality personal service to our patients, to improve clinical standards and to have a happy team. The practice has developed rapidly over the past 12 years, moving from a cramped building shared with another practice, to a spacious purpose built surgery in 1998. With this came a new computer system & the start of a gradual shift to paperless practice, a process that has reached a high degree of sophistication but continues to develop.

Population

We have a semi-rural practice population, dispensing to 25% of our patients. Our list is 12,000 patients, mainly SEC 4 and 5 who provide a very wide range of experiences for our registrars.

PHCT

The practice has 5 partners, 4 assistants and one registrar. We have a full compliment of staff: practice nurses, health care assistants, manager, audit & summarisation clerks. The building houses the local health visitor and district nursing teams. We host clinics also in drugs & alcohol management, child health surveillance, antenatal, ophthalmology, paediatrics.

Doctors clinical special interests include psychiatry, drugs & alcohol management, minor surgery & joint injections, contraception, sexual and teenage health and terminal care. We have a visiting diabetic nurse specialist.

We hope to maintain a happy & cohesive team. All are readily accessible and happy to contribute to training both formally and informally.

Training & Education

Training remains a high priority for the practice with all partners taking an active interest. In addition to the current trainer we have 1 ex-trainer and 2 new partners planning to train. All doctors including salaried take part in training: they all give tutorials, take part in debriefing & shared surgeries. The nursing team are also involved with training.

We run a cycle of 2-weekly educational meetings within the practice. These cover clinical updates, audit presentations, significant event meetings, video consultation analysis and IT updates.

We are currently hosting the local group of GP's weekly educational meeting.

Registrars take and active part in all aspects of the practice, including all meetings, presenting at educational meetings. The local group of practices run a weekly educational meeting with invited outside speakers.

The registrar has his own room with PC, internet access and audio-visual equipment.

IT

We are paperless & use the EMIS clinical system. The current and ex-trainers have a special interest in IT; as a result we feel we make good use of the opportunities that IT brings to patient management, teaching & learning. The hardware has all been replaced over the last 2 years and we have recently installed a new telephone system.

We have an intranet that started out as a registrar's handbook and has grown to become the repository of contact details, local guidelines and protocols, record of educational activities and meetings.