Henley-in-Arden Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG) July Newsletter

The PPG consists of a number of patients who work to try and improve communication between patients and the Medical Centre staff. We meet four times a year but can also raise any patient issues or concerns at any time.

Are you new to the area or haven't registered with a GP, then here are a few ways of doing it...

Patients can register via the practice website: https://www.henley-in-ardenmedcntr.co.uk/joinpractice

The only point to make is that Henley will not accept patient registration requests from anyone living outside of our practice boundary. There is a link on the registration page to our practice boundary so patients can

check: https://www.primarycare.nhs.uk/publicfn/catchm ent.aspx?oc=M84024&if=1&h=446.8&w=697.8

One thing to note is that when you fill in the form please enter the details of your previous GP. The Medical Centre will request your medical records from your previous GP Of course, if you do not have access to technology, then you can contract the Medical Centre or call in and they will provide you with the necessary forms.

Also, it would be useful to add that it is very important for any patients who move out of our area to re-register with a GP practice near to their home as soon as possible to ensure there is no disruption to access to primary care medical services.

Change in staff at the Medical Centre.. There has been a number of changes to our trainee GP's.

As many of you will know, Henley is a training practice. As a training practice we accommodate and provide training for doctors during their time in speciality training. These doctors are either placed with us for 4, 8 or 12 months then move on.

August sees a change in the trainee GP's at Henley Medical Centre. Dr Ha, Dr Mulu and Dr Nagra have now all completed their placements at Henley and have moved on to new practices. Dr Emily Hodgson, another trainee remains with us and will complete her rotation in 2025.

In addition, we have welcomed 3 new trainees: Dr Akbar who will be with us for 12 months (in his 3rd and final year of speciality training) along with Dr Ramsamy and Dr Nijjer, both of whom will be with us for 4 months as ST1's (in their 1st year of speciality training).

A little reminder: all of the GP trainees who are attached to the Practice will have completed a minimum of two years of hospital posts after qualifying as a Doctor, often more. Doctors are now required to work for two years as "Foundation Doctors" before entering specialist GP training. Specialist training in General Practice is currently three years.

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