

## SUNBURY HEALTH CENTRE GROUP PRACTICE

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Dear Patients

Welcome to this first patient newsletter. The doctors, nurses and staff of the practice would like you to know about recent developments at the practice and our future plans.

Firstly, we have appointed a new partner, Dr Mark Jopling. He trained at West Middlesex Hospital and his most recent job was at a practice in East Molesey. His interests include geriatric medicine and joint injections. Dr Caroline Guppy is our most recent appointment. She trained in Liverpool and used to be a doctor on board a ship.

Also, we have a new nurse, Fortunate Chinyere. Although this is her first post in general practice, she has accumulated great experience from hospitals and from working in the prison health service. She becomes our fourth practice nurse.

In addition, there are two new receptionists, and we have appointed a dedicated office manager, Mrs Jackie Sheehan, to head the reception team.

Our longest serving partner, Dr Richard Barnett, is now working mostly at the Care Commissioning Group, where he promotes the interests of patients not only in Sunbury, but also the whole North-West Surrey area. Dr Simon Holmes stopped working at the surgery in June. Dr Heather Beaumont has moved to a practice nearer her home in London.

We were pleased to welcome back Dr Sue Hodson after a prolonged break, and shortly Dr Lisa Linsky, and then Dr Alice Danczak, will return from maternity leave. By the summer, the surgery will be up to full staffing levels for the first time in well over a year, meaning waiting times for appointments and prescriptions will be shorter.

We now have regular meetings with the patient participation group. These meetings are held on weekday evenings every few months and are open to all patients.

Recently, the surgery was visited by a compliance inspector for the Care Quality Commission. We are pleased to report that the practice passed the inspection with flying colours. The inspector was surprised to hear how many patients (18,700) are looked after from these cramped and outdated premises.

We are well aware that the building, which dates from the early 1970s, is not adequate for the needs of this growing community. When it was built, the population it served was around 14,000. There used to be three other local practices to look after this population too, but now only one remains, in Upper Halliford.

The partners were working in collaboration with London Irish Rugby Club on a brand new health centre venture on the development at The Avenue. Unfortunately that scheme had to be dropped in the face of local opposition, and a smaller scheme with a residential home, not a health centre, was approved.

Undaunted, we are now liaising with LOSRA, Spelthorne Council and our MP, Kwasi Kwarteng, and continue to push for the sort of premises the people of Sunbury deserve.

Yours faithfully

The Partners