

New female GP and extra nursing hours for Shinfield Medical Practice

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Bolstered team meets needs of local female residents

Atos Healthcare today announced that a new female GP has joined its Shinfield Medical Practice on a part-time basis. In addition, the resident Advanced Nurse Practitioner has also increased the hours she works at the Practice. Both developments have been implemented to offer greater access for local female patients and to further reduce the time patients wait to see a nurse or GP.

The new GP – Dr Anne Perkins – is working at the Shinfield Medical Practice for 15 hours each week on Monday to Wednesday, and some Thursdays and Saturdays. She has particular interests in preventative medicine and maintenance of wellbeing; preventing back pain, healthy diet, achieving and maintaining mental wellbeing, travel medicine and skin problems, and in the near future will also be running minor ops clinics. Dr Perkins is an experienced GP with good knowledge of and connections with the local community. She previously worked at the Clift Surgery in North Hampshire, where she was the Clinical Governance lead and a Partner. Following her move to part-time work, Dr Perkins pursued some work in Humanitarian aid for six weeks in Kashmir, Pakistan, following the 2006 earthquake. Dr Perkins will also continue to do regular locum work for three other surgeries.

Patients can now book appointments to see the Advanced Nursing Practitioner – Sue Wilcock RGN MSc BA Hons – on Monday to Thursday from 8am and on Tuesdays until 8.30pm. Sue, who joined in April, can diagnose and treat a range of conditions and can prescribe relevant medication. Sue runs specialist clinics for diabetes, heart health and respiratory care. She has a particular interest in family planning and sexual health and can prescribe contraceptives, give advice and treatment on sexual health issues, fit Implanon implants, and is training to fit IUDs. Sue is a trained smoking cessation advisor and sees patients for weight management and dietary information. She can also see patients for Well Person checks, and women for cervical screening and HRT.

Mark Bounds, senior vice president at Atos Healthcare, commented: “The new female GP and extended nursing hours are both fantastic news for patients in the local area as well as the Practice. Dr Perkins’s expertise and local knowledge will be of huge benefit to residents in the Shinfield catchment area, adding to the great care already provided by Dr Graham Busfield, and bolsters a practice that has the opportunity to shape local primary care services. The additional hours that Sue is doing at the Practice mean even better access to nursing care and the clinics she is now able to do will help the local community to get fit and stay healthy.”



The Shinfield Medical Practice, which opened earlier this year, can be found at School Green, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9EH. Beyond the standard Practice hours, patients can book to see their GP on Tuesday and Thursday evenings up to 8.30pm as well as on Saturday mornings up to 12.00pm, offering local people a flexible GP service that meets the needs of a modern lifestyle. Patients who would like to register or have an enquiry should call: 0118 976 9101.

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