



## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

### NEWSLETTER

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#### An introduction to Dr Cottrell

*Dr Cottrell joined the Practice last year and has written the following article for the Newsletter:*

I have just completed my first year as a Partner at Wolstanton Medical Centre and I am delighted to be back at the practice. Having worked at Wolstanton Medical Centre before, it has really been a pleasure to catch up with so many of you again. I am looking forward to working with you over future years.

I am an 'Academic' GP, which means that in addition to working at the practice three days a week, I spend the rest of the working week at Keele University's Primary Care and Health Sciences Centre undertaking research and implementation (putting research into 'real world practice'). My PhD focussed on the management of osteoarthritis by GPs and one of my ongoing research interests is improving osteoarthritis management in primary care. Much of my work away from the face-to-face clinical work that you all see, and the paperwork that comes with that, has been focussed on improving the quality of primary care, through evaluating new services or innovations or auditing care provided (checking what should be happening is happening). This is central to the long-standing ethos of Wolstanton Medical Centre, which, for decades has been a front-runner in innovation, education, research and high-quality care. One of the highlights for me in this first year has been our successful application to Keele University to become the first ever Keele University Academic General Practice. This will bring us all exciting opportunities to further advance the care and services we provide, and that you receive, and to assess the impact of these changes as they happen.

Away from work, I am married with two children (8yr and 6yr). I enjoy getting out whenever possible to enjoy the world around us, whether that is walks in the countryside during the day or bat detecting or stargazing at night. I am no expert in any of these activities, but it is my place of calm and pleasure (and in the case of photographing a kingfisher, sometimes great excitement!).

#### **Surgery opening hours**

Monday to Friday 8.00am—6.00pm, Saturday 8.00am to 11.00am

To book an appointment, please call **01782 627403**

## Practice Staff

### DOCTORS

Dr Mark Shapley  
Dr Alwyn Ralphs  
Dr John Edwards  
Dr Elizabeth Cottrell  
Dr Sarah Pritchard  
*Dr Claire Burton (on Maternity leave)*  
Dr Lorna Clarson  
*Dr Abi Nguyen (on Maternity leave)*  
Dr Shubha Hebbar  
Dr Starla Yarde  
Dr Andrew Davy  
Dr Joanne Protheroe  
Dr Morris (GP Registrar)  
Dr Asim (GP Registrar)

### ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Vicky Shone RGN  
Julie Broad RGN

### NURSE PRACTITIONER

Julia Nixon RGN  
Karen Smith

Advanced Nurse Practitioners & Nurse Practitioners are highly experienced nurses who have undergone additional training to manage certain problems without the need to see a doctor. They are able to prescribe certain drugs, and are always able to seek further advice from one of the doctors immediately, if necessary.

### PRACTICE NURSES

Helen Mountford  
Caroline Higgins

Appointments can be made with the Practice Nurses for assessment and treatment of minor ailments, cervical smears, dressings, ear syringes, immunisations, etc

### PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATE

Katie Griffiths

### ASSOCIATE PRACTITIONER

Jo Parton

### HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

Sharon Fox

### PRACTICE MANAGER

Lynne Cooper

### ASSISTANT PRACTICE MANAGER

Joanne Webb

### RECEPTIONISTS

Karen  
Charlene (part time)  
Joy  
Natalie (senior)  
Rebecca  
*Natasha (maternity leave)*  
Abbie  
Mandy  
Debbie

### SECRETARIES

Amelia  
Laura  
Charlene (part time)

### ADMINISTRATION

Debbie  
June  
Angela

### OTHER PRIMARY CARE STAFF :

#### MIDWIFE

Stacey Hulse

#### DISTRICT NURSES

District Nurses can be contacted at 11am most weekdays at the Millrise Health Centre 0300 124 0094.

#### HEALTH VISITORS

The Health Visitors are based at Porthill Clinic and can be contacted on 0300 124 5029

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You can read this and all previous issues of the Newsletter, together with the minutes of all the PPG meetings, on the practice website at: [www.wolstantonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/ppg](http://www.wolstantonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/ppg)