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THE PRACTICE

We are a rural practice with a list size of over 13,000 patients. We work out of a purpose built spacious health centre with 14 consulting rooms and a nurses suite with treatment rooms and clinic rooms. We also have attached staff such as District Nurses ,Health Visitors, Midwives, Phlebotomist, Counsellors and Community Mental Health Link worker. We are a dispensing practice but also have a pharmacy on site, with pharmacist available through working hours for advice on prescribing. There are weekly educational meetings and practice business meeting which the registrars are encouraged to attend.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

General Practice Speciality Training

The practice has been actively in GP training for over 35 years. 5 of our partners are GP trainers and one of our assistants is an associate trainer. We aim to offer a supportive but stimulating educational experience for GP specialist trainees. At present we have 2 registrars from the West Suffolk GP training programme but will have 2 further registrars in from the Ipswich training scheme in August 2010. Each registrar will have a named GP trainer through out their time in Woolpit. There is a well stocked library in the education room. There are 2 dedicated registrar consulting rooms with video equipment set up permanently. In addition to post surgery debrief, there are two group tutorial sessions a week and registrars have a one on one tutorial with their trainer.

Having an abundance of trainers, there are a lot of opportunities to have regular work based assessment such as Case Based Discussions (CBD) or COTS. Through the training year the registrars are encouraged to see how other practices work by doing a registrar swap with neighbouring practices in West Suffolk or attend hospital out patient sessions in specialities such as dermatology, ophthalmology or joint injection clinics.

Foundation Year 2 Training

We also accept foundation year 2 doctors from West Suffolk Hospital. 2 FY2 doctors spend 4 months in General Practice. They are involved in holding their own surgeries, home visits and on call duties .They also join the GP registrar's tutorials.

Cambridge Graduate Scheme

We have been involved in the graduate medical training scheme from Cambridge University for many years.We have medical students in the practice for most of the year. There are opportunities for the registrars to be involved in teaching the medical students .

Research

The practice is involved in research as part of the Anglia Research Network and we also carry out research for organisations such as Cambridge University and drug companies. .We have a research nurse attached to the practice.

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