

8th June 2023

It's wonderful to see the sunshine, and the community thriving with the hustle and bustle of holidaymakers arriving in numbers to signify that summer has finally arrived.

Appointment Pressures

The arrival of tourists brings additional pressures at the surgery however, as always, we remain accessible and will continue to do our best.

To help, please can we kindly remind our patients to cancel appointments that they are unable to attend, so that we can offer the appointment to others.

Patients can also help by signposting tourists to request repeat medications via their own surgeries first, or request an online appointment if their surgery operates something similar to LIVI. If they require urgent medical treatment, they can contact the surgery and we will assess their needs and register them as a temporary resident if needed.

Staff Changes

We're delighted to announce some new additions to the surgery clinical team:

- Aisha Musse, Clinical Pharmacist
- Jess Moody, Practice Nurse
- Heidi Lacks, Healthcare Assistant

Sadly, we have two GP changes on the horizon:

- Heading off for a well earned retirement, after 37 years as a GP (9 years with Old Bridge Surgery), Dr Allen's final day will be Friday September 1st. Dr Allen shares:

'I have really enjoyed my time at Old Bridge Surgery and I will be sad to say goodbye to colleagues and patients'.

- After 15 years, Dr Kodde will be stepping down as a GP Partner from 1st September 2023. Moving onto a new venture (outside of NHS general practice) Dr Kodde shares:

'I am very proud to have been a GP Partner at the Old Bridge Surgery for 15 years. I have loved being part of the team and the community, and I wouldn't know a better place to be a GP'.

Dr Kodde will continue to work in a locum capacity to help with the transition as we continue our search for new GPs to join the practice.

In the meantime, both GPs will be greatly missed, by patients and staff alike and their patient lists will be reassigned at the time.

Finally...help needed

You will continue to see reports in the media around GP recruitment and, despite significant efforts, we have been unable to recruit at this time.

To help, please can you share our short promotional video.

<https://www.oldbridgesurgery.co.uk/job/salaried-gp-or-gp-partner/>

You may meet a GP on their holiday, or have friends or family who are GPs, all dreaming of living and working in Cornwall ...especially in our beautiful part of the county.

In the absence of GP recruitment, our services will be put under increased pressures, so your help, support and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

GP Partners & Staff
Old Bridge Surgery