

SONNING COMMON HEALTH CENTRE



NEWSLETTER

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GP Registrars: The GPs of the Future

You may sometimes be offered an appointment with one of our GP Registrars. GP Registrars are fully qualified doctors who are completing the final stages of their specialist training to become GPs. They join our practice team for 6 to 12 months, seeing patients, diagnosing and treating illnesses, prescribing medication and providing ongoing care, just like the other doctors in the practice. During their time with us, they are supported and supervised by our experienced GPs, who are always available to offer advice when needed.

Having GP Registrars is an important part of training the next generation of family doctors. It also brings fresh knowledge and experience into the practice, and we very much value the contribution they make to our team.

So, if you see a GP Registrar at your next appointment, you can be reassured that you are seeing a qualified doctor who is receiving specialist training in General Practice and is an important member of our clinical team.

Dr Akanksha Subramanian

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Akanksha. It has been really lovely to have the opportunity to work with her again and to see her qualify as a GP. Akanksha we are going to miss you, you slotted into our team so quickly we almost forgot you were a registrar! Good luck with your new salaried GP role

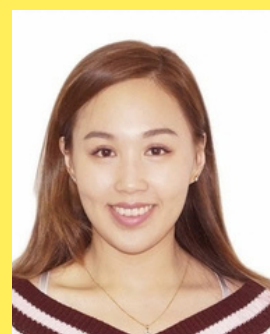


Welcome to the Surgery



Dr Olivia Knowles

Dr Xin Tang



Dr Samah Eltaib

Dr Michael Crisan



WAITING TIMES NON-MEDICALLY URGENT WORK:

Please be aware that non-urgent requests may take time to process.

Secretary Team requests, including NHS and private referral letters, private work requests (which may incur a fee) and general information, have a 2-week turnaround; insurance reports take 3-4 weeks, DVLA letters/questionnaires 2-3 weeks, and Subject Access Requests (SARs) up to 30 days.

Admin Team requests: Prescriptions require 5 working days and can take 2 weeks to fulfilled after submission. Prescriptions must be ordered using the correct route, we do not take prescription requests over the phone. Medication requested from hospital can take 2 weeks, although urgent medication should be issued by the hospital on discharge. Processing hospital letters and incoming correspondence takes ~3 weeks.

Secretary phone lines are open 10am-2pm, and Admin phone lines 11am-3pm.



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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



Both the clinical and non-clinical staff at the surgery endeavor to put patient care first. We support over 9,500 patients in Sonning Common and the surrounding areas.

We understand that sometimes people cannot get an appointment as quickly as they would like. This is why we have begun to keep track not only of the patients we support and the services we offer but also the amount of time wasted when a patient does not show up for an appointment.

The above chart breaks down the work we do at the surgery and the time lost when an appointment is not honored. We will be updating this every quarter and posting it on our website to view.

Christmas Dispensary

To ensure that Dispensary have enough time to process all repeat prescriptions in time for Christmas and New Year, a guaranteed deadline date has been set for Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas Closures

December 25th & 28th
January 1st 2027

