1. Castle Place Clinicians

Castle Place GPs
Principal GPs: Dr Lonsdale-Eccles, Dr Phillips, Dr Squire, Dr Parkin, Dr Lucey (mat leave)
Associate GPs: Dr Pople (mat leave), Dr Cameron, Dr Bruce, Dr Round, Dr Janssen

Castle Place MDT members
Clinical Pharmacist: Mrs Alison Hodgetts, Mrs Judith Crawford, Mrs Hannah Langkamer
Nurse Practitioners: Steve Harvey, Helen Law, Kate Orchard
Paramedic: Mrs Lucy Moyles
Castle Place Practice Nurses: Mrs Pat Clark Mrs Healther King, Mrs Sarah Gray, Mrs Sarah Kingdom, Mrs Lucie Stockman.
HCA (Health Care Assistant) Mrs Crissy Blatchford, Mrs Annette Hodsdon, Mrs Sally Southcott

2. A fond farewell to Dr Simon Johnson Ferguson

An opportunity has come up to work in a small rural practice close to home, which is something towards the end of his career Simon felt would be desirable.

Simon has enjoyed his time at Castle Place greatly and will be saddened to leave, from the point of view of all the colleagues he has worked with and also the patients he has helped to look after over the years.

Simon has played a key role in embedding the new ways of working. The practice is now able to offer same day service appointments for urgent medical needs, has embraced e-consult for those who can access the internet and email, and our patients are embracing the revelation that not all medical issues require their own, or even a GP to review.

The GPs are now working much more as a team for the more complex medical requirements of our patients. Health promotion and ill health prevention is a large part of all our roles and we are working hand in hand to support patients seek as much help for themselves as possible.

As a practice we want to offer our patients a high quality service when they come and see us. We are working hard on to continue improving access to services at the practice.
3. Welcome to new GPs

**Dr Georgia Cameron**
I have been a GP for eleven years and live locally with my husband and two young children. I work on two days in the week- Wednesdays and Fridays and have interests in Mental Health, Learning Disability and more recently Social Prescribing and promoting wellbeing particularly among our more frail patients. I work in the Wellbeing clinic on alternate Friday mornings as part of the wellbeing team.

I work with a fantastically positive, supportive and forward thinking team and feel very privileged to be working with them to provide care for the people of Tiverton. I feel really positive and optimistic about the future of Primary Care in Tiverton as part of an Integrated Model.

**Dr Kevin Bruce**
I joined the team at Castle Place Practice in December 2018 to look after Dr Pople’s patients whilst she is on maternity leave. Having attended Leicester Medical School, I worked as a doctor in the North West of England, moving to Devon in 2009 to undertake GP training in Exeter. I qualified as a GP in 2012 and have worked in Devon ever since then.

Having worked at Castle Place as a Locum GP in 2013, it has been a privilege to re-join the practice on a more permanent basis. The friendliness of the staff, combined with their professional and forward-thinking approach to healthcare has been an inspiration and I am delighted to be part of the team. So much so that I have accepted an offer to continuing working at Castle Place after Dr Pople returns.

4. Welcome to new Healthcare professionals

**Mrs Alison Hodgetts, Clinical Pharmacist**
I moved to take up the new post of Pharmacist working in September 2018 and am very much enjoying being part of the Castle Place Practice team.

We want people to get the very best from their medicines - I contribute to that by meeting and talking with our patients and linking our care with the wider pharmacy network, such as our community pharmacies, the hospital teams and our home-visiting pharmacy service.

We are looking forward to having two more pharmacists join us later in the summer - this will give the practice team more time to review your medicines with you and to focus on prescription flow, medicines supply, monitoring and providing information to help you get the best from your medicines.

**Mrs Lucy Moyle, Paramedic**
I’ve been part of the Castle Place Multi Disciplinary Team since February 2019, doing home visits, liaising closely with GP team as well as other members of the Community Team, including District Nurse, OTs, Physiotherapists and the Pharmacy. This allows for more home visits to be done during the day and freeing up GPs for more appointments. Since being appointed I have been struck by the great relationship between my colleagues and the patients. The people I have met have been so positive and encouraging. I am very excited about the future and am very pleased to be a part of it.

Steve, Helen and Kate – Our new Nurse Practitioners

We are enthusiastic to implement preventative medicine thus encouraging patients to achieve a healthy lifestyle especially through diet and exercise. We are supported by a duty doctor and can see nearly 50 patients across the day.

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