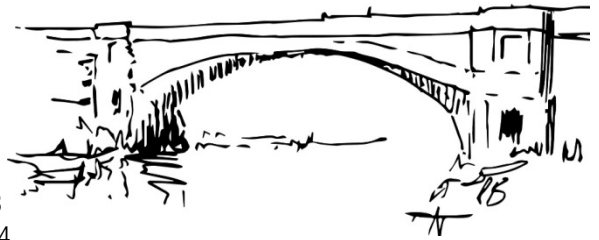


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Dear patient

Important information regarding the College Yard site of the Alney GP Practice

As you know, The College Yard and Highnam Surgery merged with Cheltenham Road Surgery on the 1st April this year to form The Alney Practice.

The rationale for this was to create a stronger, more stable and secure practice, recognising that with Dr Helen Miller single-handedly holding an NHS contract, College Yard and Highnam was vulnerable.

Alongside the merger, it was agreed by NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group that we could close the College Yard site in April 2019. It was considered unpractical to run the new surgery from three sites. On balance we felt we could make better use of our resources, including the services we can offer and the way members of our practice team work together, by providing care from the Highnam and Cheltenham Road surgery sites.

As many of you will have heard, in the Summer, Dr Miller became ill and is currently on long-term sick leave. I am sure you will join all of us in wishing Dr Miller all the very best with her treatment over the coming weeks and months.

Dr Miller's illness came at a time when we were still working hard on integrating the two practices, and this presented real challenges for the new partnership. Because of this, we went back to NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group requesting permission to close College Yard earlier than planned. **This has been agreed, and the new date is now the 31st October 2018.** There will be no clinics run at College Yard Surgery after this date.

Please note that the area covered by the practice is not changing, and no patients currently registered with us will need to leave. All patients currently registered will be able to book appointments at Highnam or Cheltenham Road.

Your electronic medical records are already available to the doctor or nurse when you see them at any of our sites, and will continue to be available at Highnam and Cheltenham Road after College Yard closes.

GPs working at the practice

The following GPs practice currently work in the practice.

Regardless of who you are registered with, you may make an appointment to see any doctor subject to availability.

Dr Helen Miller (f) is currently on sick leave

Dr Michael H V Delhanty (m), MBChB (Bristol 1988) DRCOG, DFFP, MRCGP, DOccMed

Dr Delhanty joined the practice in 1999. He is a Trainer for Doctors on the GP training scheme who work at our practice. He has an interest in skin surgery, toenail surgery and joint/soft tissue injections. He has a special interest in occupational health.

Dr Liam P Stanbury (m), MRCGP, MBBS, BSc

Dr Stanbury joined the practice in 2013 after having been a registrar with us in 2009-2010. His special interests include child health, sports medicine and psychiatry.

Dr Becci Heginbotham (f), MBChB MRCGP

Dr Heginbotham joined the practice in 2015, after having been a registrar with us in 2012-2013. Her special interests include dermatology and she performs minor surgery on skin lesions at the practice.

Dr Rahana Bibi (f), MBBS (St Barts and The Royal London 2003), BMed Sci, DFFP, MRCGP, DRCOG
Dr Bibi is currently on maternity leave and is due to return to work in January

Dr N Stow (f), MBBCh (Cardiff University 2005) MRCGP (2010)

Dr Stow joined the practice as a part time salaried GP in 2015 and became a partner in 2017. Her special interests include contraception, the menopause, and child health. She also oversees the care of our patients in the local care homes.

Salaried Doctors

Dr Aisha Sohail (f)

Dr Charlotte Zoltonos (f). Dr Zoltonos has a special interest in sexual health.

Dr Sarah Allen

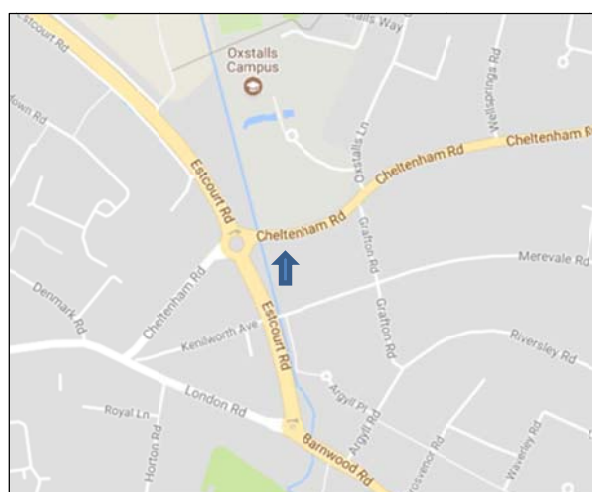
Below is information which might be useful:

The Cheltenham Road site:
16 Cheltenham Road
Gloucester
GL2 0LS

Telephone 01452 522709

The number 94 bus goes every 10 minutes from Market parade to Cheltenham Road. There is a stop just outside/opposite the surgery.

There is also parking at the front and to the rear of the building.



The Highnam site
Lassington Lane
Highnam
Gloucester
GL2 8DH

Telephone 01452 529699

There is parking at the surgery.

The telephone number for College Yard, 01452 421888 will be kept and be transferred to the Cheltenham Road site.



Community Connexions provide a transport service run by volunteers. There is a charge for registering and for each trip. To find out more please call 0345 680 5029 or go to www.communityconnexions.org.uk.

We have made special effort to contact all those patients who could be vulnerable in order to help them understand the change and give support as needed. This work will continue over the coming weeks.

If you would prefer not to receive care and services at either Cheltenham Road or Highnam surgeries, and need help with registering at another practice, please call PALS (the Patient Advice and Liaison Service) on Freephone 0800 0151 548 or land-line 01452 566698.

Patients who are housebound and have received home visits will continue to do so.