

ALBION STREET GROUP PRACTICE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

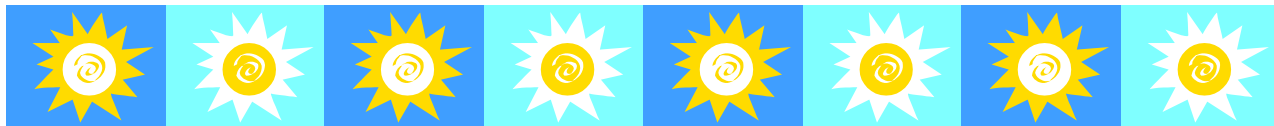
www.albionstreetgrouppractice.co.uk

Dr Otty has retired as a partner from July 2019 after 30 years.

She writes:

Thank you all so much for the very generous presents, flowers and cards I received. It has been a privilege to work at Albion Street. I retire as a partner exactly 30 years after Dr Richard Donmall and I took over the practice from a husband and wife team (The Drs Hickey for those who remember). We aimed to make it a high quality practice providing a good experience for patients, including teaching and research as part of our everyday work and all the doctors, nurses, and other staff who have worked, or work here, have the same aspirations. As the Rotherhithe population has mushroomed we have expanded to ten partners (including one nurse partner) and diversified, including health care assistants, a pharmacist and more specialised nurses. Our long serving and new reception/administration staff have coped well with NHS computerisation (despite its frustrations) and our longest serving member of staff, our practice manager, has stood by us loyally. Many of our trainee doctors have remained working with us (and are now in charge). The practice believes strongly in the values of the NHS and is looking forward to working with our local colleagues in the new primary care networks, but would welcome more involvement from patients. I am sorry to step down as a partner, but must sail off into the sunset (to New Zealand by September 2020), although I will be back for brief periods to help with a few sessions. Bye for now.

The team at Albion Street wish her safe travels and a Happy Retirement

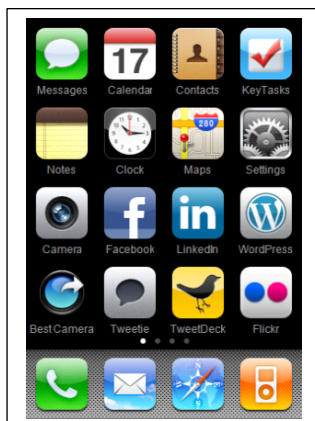


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You can use the new NHS App, a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services on your smart phone or tablet.

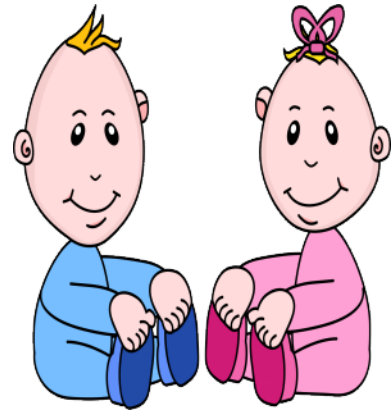
You can use the NHS App to check your symptoms and get instant advice, book appointments, order repeat prescriptions, view your GP medical records and more.

If you already use Patient access, Evergreen, Life, Dimec or My GP App you can continue to use it. You can use the NHS App as well.



For more information visit www.nhs/nhsapp

Is your child due any immunisations?
 Please be advised there has been an increase in cases of Measles locally. This illness can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to hospital admission. To ensure your child is protected they should have a vaccine at 1 year and a second vaccine any time after the age of 18 months despite the information in the red book (This is Southwark policy) Please speak to reception to book your appointment at Albion Street or if you prefer to be seen on a Saturday morning we can offer an appointment at Bermondsey Spa Medical Practice.



Patient Participation Group

The PPG aims to be representative of our patient population and give constructive feedback to the Practice on developing and improving services to patients. The group can be contacted directly at souccg.AlbionstreetPPG@nhs.net.

The next PPG Meeting will be held at the surgery on Tuesday 30th July at 630pm
 Location: Albion Street Group Practice.
 Minutes of previous meetings can be viewed at www.albionstreetgrouppractice.co.uk

Midwifery
 Services Update
 From Monday
 20th May 2019 the
 community
 midwives will be
 seeing patients in
 the midwifery hub
 based at the
 Artesian Health
 Centre in Grange
 Road



We will be closed
 between 1-4pm
 on the 3rd
 Thursday of every
 month for Staff
 Training

We are updating our website and plan
 to relaunch it in September 2019
 We hope it will be easier to navigate

Welcome to Dr Kennedy, Mercy Okai, our new
 Nurse Practitioner and our new receptionist Chaya
 Grossman.
 Happy Retirement also to Christine one of our
 evening receptionists