

Observatory Medical Practice

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Dear Student,

When you come to Oxford as a student, you are advised to register with a local GP who will provide health care for you while studying here. If you require medical help during the vacation you should sign on as a temporary patient with your home GP so as to remain registered in Oxford. Most students register with the appointed college doctors, who work closely with the college nurse. If you decide to register with a different GP in Oxford, you must inform the College so they know who to contact in an emergency. All Somerville students have access to the college nurse, whichever GP you are registered with.

Your college nurse is Glenys Knighton, she is available in College on week days during term time (0th – 9th week) – please see the college notice board for specific times and locations. Glenys' role is to improve, protect and maintain students' health, and is the first point of contact for you when you need health advice or information; she has access to your GP medical records to help her with this. She is able to point you towards services and help available to you both in the University and externally (including in the NHS), and provide acute or ongoing support for specific health needs.

Your college doctors are Dr Paul Ch'en and Dr Fiona Boyle. They are based at Observatory Medical Practice, which is a short walk from college. You are able to see these doctors by appointment or speak to them on the phone. There are designated student surgeries on Mondays and Wednesdays, or you can be seen in the general surgeries by any of our doctors. You can make an appointment by phone, online (once you have registered for Patient Access – the forms are available on our website), or in person. If you have a medical problem that is more urgent than the next routine appointment, please ask Reception to book you with the Duty Doctor. (Please note that there are two practices at Jericho Health Centre, so please make sure that you contact the correct one.)

Attached to this letter are a registration form (GMS1) and a medical questionnaire. Please fill in all relevant sections (you do not need to include your NHS number), and return them to college who will confidentially forward them to the Health Centre for processing. If you cannot do this, please bring them with you in 0th week, at the start of term, to the brief introductory talk by the college nurse and/or doctor. *For the purpose of the GMS1 form your home address is Somerville College, and your previous address is where you were previously registered with a doctor in the UK if relevant(usually your family home or educational institution).* If you change your mobile phone number at any point, please inform us of your new one as soon as possible.

We have also included some information about health care and health advice. You can also find additional information about the practice at the website www.gpjerichotwo.co.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact the college nurse Glenys Knighton or Observatory Medical Practice if you have any concerns or queries.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and successful time at Oxford.