

THE MEDICAL PRACTICE AT 48 WIMPOLE STREET

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PRACTICE PAEDIATRIC POLICY OVERVIEW

Sophia vocationally trained and 6 month job in Paediatrics including much Paediatric A and E at Queen Elizabeth Children's Hospital in Hackney. Mother of three children. Attends regular PGEA certificated courses to keep up to date.

Nick gained paediatric experience through 15 years general practice. For the first 4 years under the supervision of his predecessor, an experienced GP. Father of two children.

Graeme, Tim, Ruth and Shriti (associates) are all vocationally trained NHS GP's with significant paediatric experience.

General Paediatrics

< 12 months – see Sophia or associates

12 months – 5 years – see Sophia or associates/check with Nick

> 5 years – see any Doctor

Female paediatric problems best booked with Sophia, Ruth or Shriti – inform/discuss with parents

Paediatric Referrals

Nick able to deal with common acute problems such as infections/temperatures/earache/cough/sore throats following SIGN guidelines

Nick has low threshold for referral to secondary care – general and specialist paediatricians

Out of Hours Paediatrics

24 hour telephone advice available

Visits usually made by Doctorcall – at parents request

Again Nick has lower threshold for secondary referral

Secondary referral to either St Marys / Chelsea and Westminster Paediatric A and E's via on call Paediatric registrar / Portland Hospital unbooked clinic or Consultant on call

Paediatric Immunisations

All to be booked in with Sophia or associates. We follow Government guidelines regarding vaccination as in the red and green book.

Questions regarding MMR controversy to be directed to the Doctors. Practice view supports combined MMR. www.mmrthefacts.com

Paediatric Health Surveillance/Developmental Checks

Book 8 week check with Sophia along with first set of immunisations.

Later reviews > 5 years including camp medicals can be booked with any Doctor.

The Red Book section is filled and the patient asked to give copy to their NHS GP and HV where applicable to feed into the National Database.

Routine urine analysis where possible but not phlebotomy.

Paediatric Phlebotomy

Always prescribe EMLA first. Advise parents re this. Blood can be taken by any Doctor or dedicated service at The Doctors Laboratory.