



The Oxfordshire Non-principals Group **oxfordlocumlist@gpdesktop.co.uk**

Open letter to practice managers and other parties, Sunday, 17 August 2008

Dear Practice Manager,

I am writing formally on behalf of a group of GPs working in Oxfordshire who are looking to continue booking and working Locum sessions. As you may know, the website service that had been running for several years has been closed for some time, and it seems unlikely to return as the founders have moved out of the area and closed the site.

In an attempt to keep the work flowing, an informal mailing-list has been created which we are using to facilitate communication between practices and locums regarding details of available sessional work.

I am pleased to announce that we now have 34 members, 31 of whom are actively seeking Locum work in Oxfordshire, and we intend to develop an automated web-based service to allow practices to advertise. We have a rudimentary website which will be developed over the next few months, but for the time being you can access the Group by emailing directly to oxfordlocumlist@gpdesktop.co.uk. Your emails will go directly to the list of active locums who we are in contact with (please note the list is not yet vetted formally and we cannot take responsibility for the list members).

At this stage, we are proposing only to raise awareness and invite Practice Managers or Rota Co-ordinators to email the Group, and or to be part of our contact list so that we may inform you as the service develops.

If you have no immediate locum requirements, it would be valuable for us if you could to respond directly to me with the following information:

- Any specific suggestions about features you would like to see us develop in the service

AND

- Your practice rota co-ordinator's contact details, be they email or postal address so we can keep in touch with them

OR

- a request to not be contacted again by us (you do not need to specify a reason)

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Tom Nichols

Oxford VTS graduate, Locum GP, and Representative of the Group

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See next page for screenshots


Below are two screenshots of the work-in-progress, to be hosted on gpdesktop.co.uk:

The main advertisement screen:

GP Desktop - Locum Work

We are working with Oxfordshire practices to offer a central resource where locum work can be advertised. The following locum vacancies are available:

July 2008




Surgery
[Redacted] OX18 [Redacted]

Start Date: Sunday, July 20th
End Date: Friday, July 25th

Details: Mondays and thursdays needed

August 2008



Group
[Redacted] OX23


Start Date: Tuesday, August 26th
End Date: Friday, August 29th

Details: All 3 days

The advertisement screen:

Surgery

Locum Work Selected



Surgery
[Redacted] OX18 [Redacted]

Start Date: Sunday, July 20th
End Date: Friday, July 25th

Details: Mondays and thursdays needed

Practice Information

[Redacted] is an 8000 patient, 3 partner rural practice [Redacted].
We have a branch surgery in [Redacted]

Practice Contact Details

Please contact [Redacted] to discuss this vacancy further.

Telephone: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]@gp-k8[Redacted].nhs.uk