

**Report from Cropredy Surgery to
The Bourtons Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
May 16th 2023**

- Space issues (as below) – we now have over 5000 patients and have 100% utilisation of all our rooms in fact, in some rooms it is way over 100%. My room is now 300% use
- We have approached the landlord with a view to extending upwards. The loft space is not sympathetically arranged and we are unsure of the foundations. They have sent an architect round to have a look and we are waiting (and still waiting) for them to get back to us. Should we ever get extended then this would increase the clinical rooms by at least 3 which would help enormously and would allow us to become a teaching practice which would help secure us financially as well as giving us more clinical cover.
- Increased capacity would of course mean additional parking issues
- We did receive an offer from one of the companies hoping to build in Cropredy to build us a new surgery, but we felt that there was a chance that the surgery may not materialise once planning was obtained and also we didn't want to be used as a lever for the community to try and secure planning permission.
- Because of the space issues we cannot take advantage of other professionals coming in to help us. We had to ask the midwife to go – we cannot make use of the many roles that we could get paid for by the network, we cannot take on more students, we cannot become a teaching practice for GPs and we can't take on any of the new roles for training such as nursing associate. If we could become a training practice it would help consolidate our finances and give us a pool of new qualifiers to choose from when we had a vacancy.
- We remain a 2 partner practice. 3 partners is safer but 2 is safer than one! We have 3 salaried GPs – 2 of which will be going off on maternity leave very soon so we will have a prolonged period of working with locum cover. A lot of this is reimbursed luckily.
- Our remaining clinical staff remain stable. We have one retirement coming up and have a replacement in readiness (in dispensary). We have a new starter in reception to cover two members of staff who are now working as my assistants.
- Like many GP surgeries we are not running the Covid vaccination spring booster program as the organisation behind this has been shocking and we have also felt that we needed to concentrate on keeping our waiting times down as much as possible rather than getting involved in the program – we just can't do everything.
- We feel we remain a good surgery – but it is very very hard work.