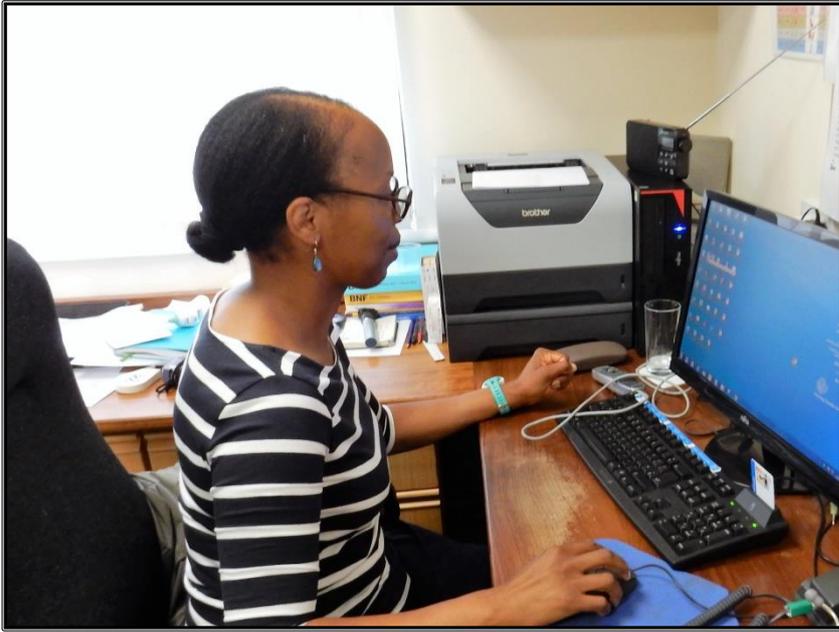


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Dr Where - GP Partner



Dr Where grew up in Southampton. Although she has no recollection of wanting to be a doctor, a number of her relatives were nurses and a cousin practises medicine in America. At school she preferred science subjects and this combination of family background and academic strength led her to apply to study medicine at university. She chose

to study at Liverpool School of Medicine because the interview experience there was more positive than at other universities visited.

After qualifying, she worked in hospital settings and experienced a number of different disciplines. A placement in a GP Practice inspired her to choose this sector as her future career path. She joined the medical team at Riverside seventeen years ago and has been a partner in the practice for most of that time.

She sees the strengths of the GP service as providing continuity of care, the ability to see an illness through from diagnosis to conclusion, having more time with patients and being able to offer a more holistic approach than that of a hospital specialist. At Riverside she offers a particular interest in gynaecology. She is married to a doctor and has two children, neither of whom intend to follow in her footsteps and enter the medical profession. Her hobbies include trail running and playing the piano "very badly" so any thoughts of being a concert pianist are on hold for the present!

Dr Where is optimistic for the future of patient care in the context of general practice, believing that it will remain good or improve over time. However, this optimism does not extend to the working practices and employment conditions of GPs. In this setting, her view is that they will move towards a more hospital based model in which there will be less independence, less local decision making and an increasing role for management.

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