

## **Update briefing on GP's drug training and services**

Since 2006, 110 GPs have completed the RCGP Part 1 training we estimate that we have about 120 trained GPs in Southwark (Bearing in mind GP turn over).

20 practices have a specialist drugsworker (also RCGP part 1 trained) from Kappa attending weekly or fortnightly to co-manage a satellite clinic with a GP. Each of these 20 practices has at least one qualified GP but up to 5 in some practices - they all have named, lead substance misuse GP and second to cover in their absence.

There are about 10 GPs with RCGP Part 2 in Substance Misuse, a one year intensive course for those who want to be a GP with Special Interest.

The RCGP training is run and funded by us twice a year and is available to all Southwark GPs. Ad hoc training is provided on request if we have an influx of new GPs or requests. Dr Frances Diffley and Dr Emily Finch run a 6 weekly clinical supervision session and are available for individual consultation.

Frances also offers shadowing and has 2 GP trainees on placement per year - she is also a GP trainer.

Frances also manages 2 clinics with Kappa staff for those who haven't got a GP or whose GP won't prescribe - this has capacity for 45. There are 2 GP Practices in Camberwell Green who have a Kappa clinic, one has an RCGP Part 2 trained GP (GP with Special Interest).

We have a specialist Primary Care Alcohol Nurse and worker who manage hubs across Southwark GP surgeries. The nurse runs 8 hubs for clients with complex alcohol problems across surgeries and all surgeries can refer into them (with a phonecall) and the worker has 8 hubs (at different surgeries) for those with less complex needs.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Julie Cuthbert [Julie.cuthbert@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.cuthbert@southwark.gov.uk) or Dr Frances Diffley [Frances.Diffely@nhs.net](mailto:Frances.Diffely@nhs.net)

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