

Trainees' Testimonials

Recent trainees have said:

"As a registrar in Stretton, I rapidly felt an integral part of the friendly and cohesive team. Autonomy comes early, but as much advice as needed is easily available. Teaching & learning is non-threatening and frequently encouraged to be a two way process. Brookside also offers the opportunity to learn more than simply clinical general practice. Registrars are actively involved in business meetings, QOF and administrative work, and these are all essential in learning how to be a competent and confident GP.

Brookside are used to having GP registrars, and their experience shows. I was always very well supported by the managerial & administrative team who are well versed on allowances & entitlements as well as rules & regulations. The variety of experiences available in Stretton far exceed what may be expected in a small practice. The clinical interests & expertise of the partners have been a huge bonus, and I have been actively encouraged to pursue particular interests of my own. This has included opportunities to address learning needs outside of general practice. As a registrar with a family, the flexibility and understanding shown to me by all staff members has meant that I always felt a valued part of the team. Furthermore, as both trainers have experience in postgraduate GP education, registrars in Stretton have the benefit of expert advice in successful GP training.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Stretton, working with a truly lovely group of people. If I had the opportunity to stay, I would seize it immediately!"

And

"Brookside presents a great training opportunity – I have really enjoyed and benefited from my experience as an ST3 here.

It's lovely to work in a rural community and in such attractive surroundings; Stretton, and its surrounding villages, are very pretty and the communities close-knit and friendly. You get a great variety of both chronic and acute medicine; a really good disease-mix. The patient population is an interesting 'mixed bag' of differing socioeconomic classes, including a wide range of ages, with farmers and a travelling community thrown in for good measure!

The working and training environment is relaxed but supportive, with generous allocations of time to training and education. Special interests are encouraged and individual learning needs catered for. The whole team at Brookside understand and support GP training and, as a trainee, your opinion is always sought and respected. The Partners have a great skill mix and combine well to facilitate your training progression.

You will develop an understanding of general practice from the clinical to the management aspects of life as a GP, which will stand you in good stead for your future career.

I would thoroughly recommend it."