



Gloucester Health Access Centre, Lydney, & Matson Lane Surgeries





Who are we?

G DOC LTD is owned by all the GP Practices in Gloucestershire; the Practices are our shareholders.

We operate on a not-for-profit basis: any profits are redistributed into primary care in Gloucestershire.

We are a limited company run by a Board of Directors who are experienced local GPs, other than our Chair who is a retired Practice Business Manager and accountant.



What do we do?

Our Practices

We run a registered practice for 9,000 patients at Gloucester Health Access Centre and its branch surgery, Matson Lane.

Since January 2021, we have also run The Lydney Practice, in the beautiful Forest of Dean. The Practice has about 7,600 patients.





Urgent care

- G DOC runs the the Countywide Improved Access Service, which provides GP appointments in Gloucester and Cheltenham at weekends.
- The Covid Virtual Ward: we monitor oxygen readings from people diagnosed with Covid, to ensure that they get help if their oxygen levels start to fall. So far, we have cared for over 1000 patients.
- We provide over 17,000 primary care appointments each year at Gloucester Health Access Centre for patients who may need to be seen the same day when their own practice is already full, or who do not have a registered GP. GHAC is open 8am-8pm, 365 days a year.

Training

We run training courses to support practices needing to develop their employees' skills, including a Healthcare Assistant Course and phlebotomy.

We have been approved by the DWP to host Kickstart trainees on behalf of local practices, providing training for young people interested in a career in primary care.





Providing workforce

- We operate the Parachute Nursing service, commissioned by Gloucestershire CCG, which provides nurses to practices that are unexpectedly short of staff.
- We provide GPs and nurses for practices which are short of staff (in addition to the Parachute Nursing Service), or who find it more convenient to use our specialist nurses than to employ specialist nurses directly.
- We employ staff on behalf of Primary Care Networks, making it faster and easier for PCNs to recruit.
- 2021 to March 2022, we employ Kickstart Scheme trainees to work in local practices

Supporting other providers

Our GPs work across the county, supporting many other services, including:

- The Improved Access clinics run by local Primary Care Networks
- The eating disorder service run by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.
- Community hospitals run by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Prior to Covid, we also provided GPs to work in the Emergency Department of Gloucester Royal Hospital.



Other clinical services

We provide sexual healthcare and an outreach cervical screening service at GHAC.

