



General Practice
in Somerset

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THE SOMERSET CONCIERGE SERVICE

Welcoming all GPs to
Somerset and providing
a resource for GP
Retainers or retiring GPs



INTRODUCING THE SOMERSET CONCIERGE SERVICE

The Somerset Concierge Service is here to welcome all GPs who are new to Somerset as well as provide a resource for GP Retainers or retiring GPs.

The Concierge team offers a very wide range of support, including:

- Helping with performers list applications, prescriber code requests and other technical aspects to ensure a smooth process of application
- Arranging interviews with practices where necessary
- Arranging visits, including neighbouring practices, the LMC, CCG and FTs in Somerset

- Putting new GPs in touch with suitable existing GPs for advice on where to live, schools and other aspects of Somerset life (possibly career plus GPs)
- Introducing new GPs to suitable resources (such as the LMC and Somerset GP Education Trust) to build social networks and peer support
- Being a central local resource for practice managers to contact when new GPs join the practice
- Helping retiring GPs with completion of appropriate paperwork

The scheme will be as helpful as possible and will be there for as long as you need it, assessing each person or practices needs to ensure a GP's arrival or departure in Somerset is as easy as possible.

SOMERSET LMC

Somerset LMC is a very friendly, helpful, supportive and pro-active team. They work closely with all of the health organisations in the area to ensure that the GPs and practices are well looked after.

They are very approachable should you need to contact them:
[01823 331428](tel:01823331428) or email on somersetlmc.office@nhs.net

Their website somersetlmc.co.uk holds a lot of useful links and information.

They also have an education and training arm delivering a comprehensive programme for all of Primary care and their multidisciplinary teams

somersetgpeducationtrust.co.uk

SOMERSET CCG

<https://somersetccg.nhs.uk/>

Working with patients, the public, and many partners, including local hospitals, local authorities such as Somerset LMC, and local voluntary and community groups; Somerset CCG's goal is to improve health and deliver high-quality health services to the people of Somerset.

GENERAL PRACTICE IN SOMERSET

gpinsomerset.com

This website offers a lot of information and testimonials from the primary care teams living and working in Somerset, it also has links to the various training programmes, activities and the various Jobs on offer across the county.



HOSPITALS

There are a number of hospitals in Somerset, not only the larger Trusts, but smaller community/cottage hospitals and mental health along with private hospitals.

The two main hospitals in Somerset are:

MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL

tsft.nhs.uk

YEOVIL HOSPITAL

yeovilhospital.co.uk



PERFORMERS LIST

PCSE – pcse.england.nhs.uk

If you are joining the Somerset Performers list for the first time, changing practices or even moving out of an area, there are a number of forms that need to be completed and submitted to PCSE. It may seem to be a lot of work, but unfortunately it has to be done.

- Applying to join the National Performers Lists for the first time - NPL1 form
- Change of circumstance or status (change of name, address, transfer of practice within same locality or change of status) - NPL3 form
- Movement to a different NHS England team - NPL2 form

You need to ensure that you have received acknowledgement and a CAS number from PCSE. If you know/are sure that Somerset is the place you want to be, maybe you should consider applying before you secure a permanent position as this could save you and any practice manager any future headaches. As long as you are on a performers list, you can work as a locum anywhere.

If you have an enquiry regarding the performers lists, please email:
pcse.performerlists@nhs.net

PENSIONS

Pensions are also something you need to take into consideration when taking up any post. The NHS Business Authority runs the NHS pension scheme and you can find a lot of useful information on their website.

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-pensions

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

A lot of information on education can be found on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website these are just a couple of links to get you started:

Schools – primary, secondary and colleges

somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools

compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

and private:

isc.co.uk/schools/england/somerset

There are a number of colleges that fall outside of Somerset, but dependant on where you intend to work/live, most would be within a reasonable commutable distance.

CHILDCARE

If you are moving to a new area and no longer have family living locally to assist you with your childcare needs, you may find the links below useful.

childcare.co.uk/search/Childminders/Somerset

somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/early-years-for-families/finding-childcare/

Talking to the people in the area/practice may also prove beneficial, as they may have local knowledge that could help you.

A scenic background image showing a stone tower on a grassy hill under a blue sky. In the foreground, a person with a large backpack is hiking up a wooden staircase on a grassy slope.

LIVING IN SOMERSET

ESTATE AGENTS

Most are now represented on the larger websites such as rightmove, zoopla and on the market to name just a few. You may have done your homework and looked at places you may want to live.

We are happy to put you in touch with somebody with local knowledge that could help you with information and advice on the areas you may be considering.

Rental may be worth considering in the short term, as Somerset is a large and diverse county with lots of choice in the housing market.

GET IN TOUCH

If you require any help or have any concerns, please get in touch with Sally Barnett:

SPHAdmin@nhs.net

0754 507 1775



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