

## Issue 7

# April 2019

Welcome to our seventh newsletter. It has been a time of change, with new faces arriving, another returning and sadly one leaving. This newsletter will focus on GP changes, another will soon follow detailing Allied Health Professional changes.



Drs Morrice, Masson, Geddes & Andrews

## Dr Geddes Retirement Statement

"It is with great sadness that as of April 2019, I am retiring from Clarkston Medical, and, indeed, the medical profession. I cannot reiterate enough what a pleasure the last few years have been, working not only with my fabulous and supportive colleagues Michael, Craig and Jenna, who have steadfastly supported me through this horrendous year, but our wonderful nursing, administration and secretarial staff whose efforts often go unrecognised.

I have also had the great privilege of being a part of so many of your lives, being with you for the highs and lows and hopefully helping along the way on that journey. I have truly loved being a doctor and I can honestly say it is breaking my heart that I am not medically well enough to be able to carry out my duties. In addition to my neck surgery, I have been diagnosed with an arthritis that attacks my lower spine and I am due to start on anti-rejection injections soon. All of these issues - the nerve damage from the operation, the drugs that I have to take to control the pain and now this arthritis - have made work impossible.

Coming to Clarkston Medical felt like coming home. I have made good friends with many of you and have never had a dull moment. Anyone who was ever near my consulting room would have heard laughter and see most consultations ending in a hug - I make no apologies, I am a hugger!

So, I am giving you all one final hug goodbye and wish you all good health for the future." - Dr Geddes, March 2019



Please note, our change of personnel will result in a service change for the practice; historically Drs Geddes and Andrews have offered coil insertions, so for the foreseeable future we will have to refer you to the Sandyford services (or you can self-refer, see QR code overleaf for AHPs) if you want a coil. Removal of coils is easier, and Drs Morrice or Masson can do this for you, as can they change ring pessaries. Contraceptive implants can still be done by Sr Brown.



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Remember, the easiest way to book an appointment with the GP of your choosing is to use our online services, ask reception for a registration form.

# Dr Sarah Maredia



Dr Geddes will be succeeded by Dr Sarah Maredia ("Miridia"), who has been covering for her on Wednesdays for the past year. Many of you will have met her already and we have had so much positive feedback already.

Sarah is from Sunderland and graduated from Manchester in 2003. She relocated to Scotland a couple of years ago and has recently settled in East Renfrewshire, and will join us Mondays - Thursdays in May. We are delighted that Sarah is joining the team, please make her welcome!



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# Dr Masson Returns

Having spent 18 months in the East Renfrewshire Clinical Director role, Dr Masson has decided to step down from the post to focus on his primary role in the practice, from the start of July 2019. As well as increasing his appointments gradually over time, he will be offering more early morning appointments - available from 07:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. He will be able to devote more time again to the patient information activities such as these newsletters and informative videos, and maintenance of the Facebook page and website. We like to keep our patients up to date with events, changes and medical developments and making the information available in a broad range of formats seems to work well. He's getting better at it too - those of you reading this on your phone, tablet or computer should be able to click on the web addresses and QR codes to go to the linked materials. Test it by clicking the screenshot below of our signposting video!



Dr Masson looks forward to returning to the role that he has spent the last 21 years training for, at a time during which we are welcoming so many new faces to the team.

The website features a purple header with the logo 'Clarkston Medical'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links to 'Practice Info', 'Services', 'Self Help', 'Online Services', 'Contact', and 'FAQ'. The main content area displays a large image of the modern brick building of the medical practice. Text on the page includes 'Welcome to Drs Morrice, Masson, Geddes & Andrews at Clarkston Medical.' and 'We are a four partner GP surgery that puts patient experience at the heart of everything we do. We hope your visit to us will be a friendly and reassuring experience.' At the bottom, there is a link to 'www.clarkstonmedical.co.uk'.



Thank you for reading our newsletter. Kind regards,

Drs Morrice, Masson, Geddes & Andrews