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Pinnaroo Hospital to get new GP

The Mallee Health Service is looking forward to welcoming a new doctor to their health facility at Pinnaroo.

Dr Humphrey Adzanku has been working in country South Australia since March 2003 when he took a position with the Nganampa Health Service in the Pitjanjatjara lands. In August 2003, he relocated to Whyalla where his family joined him from Ghana.

Dr Adzanku and his family lived in Ghana's capital, Acra, for 10 years where he worked as a GP in the region before moving to Australia in 2003.

In September 2004, Dr Adzanku moved to Hawker in the Southern Flinders Ranges to work in a solo practice. During his time in Hawker, he gained his Royal Australian College of General Practice Fellowship.

Dr Adzanku's family are all studying. Wife Laura is studying at TAFE, as is older son Mawuli, who is studying accountancy. Their second child, Genevieve, is an undergraduate in her third year of social work, while youngest child Ken is an undergraduate in computer science.

The family has fond memories of their homeland, which Dr Adzanku describes as a 'peaceful nation with a tropical climate', and they have thoroughly enjoyed their four years living in various locations in South Australia.

They love country life and its pace and are looking forward to meeting people, getting to know the mysteries of the Mallee and travelling in Australia. Dr Adzanku said, "We love driving in the rural areas of South Australia and admiring its vast beauty and we are looking forward to exploring the secrets of the Murraylands, with the help of locals."

Dr Adzanku's family is living in Adelaide whilst the children are completing their studies. He will take up his position at Pinnaroo in September.

Local MP Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick was pleased to hear news of the appointment.

"In the light of recent publicity to the problems SA country hospitals face in securing medical staff, I am pleased to hear of Dr Adzanku's appointment," he said. "I welcome the doctor to Pinnaroo and I know the people of the district will make him and his family most welcome."

"Nevertheless, the government still needs to address the broader issue of medical staff, services and facilities right across country South Australia. In a general sense, this is just shifting the deck chairs on the Titanic and the government needs to rethink their Country Health restructuring plans."

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