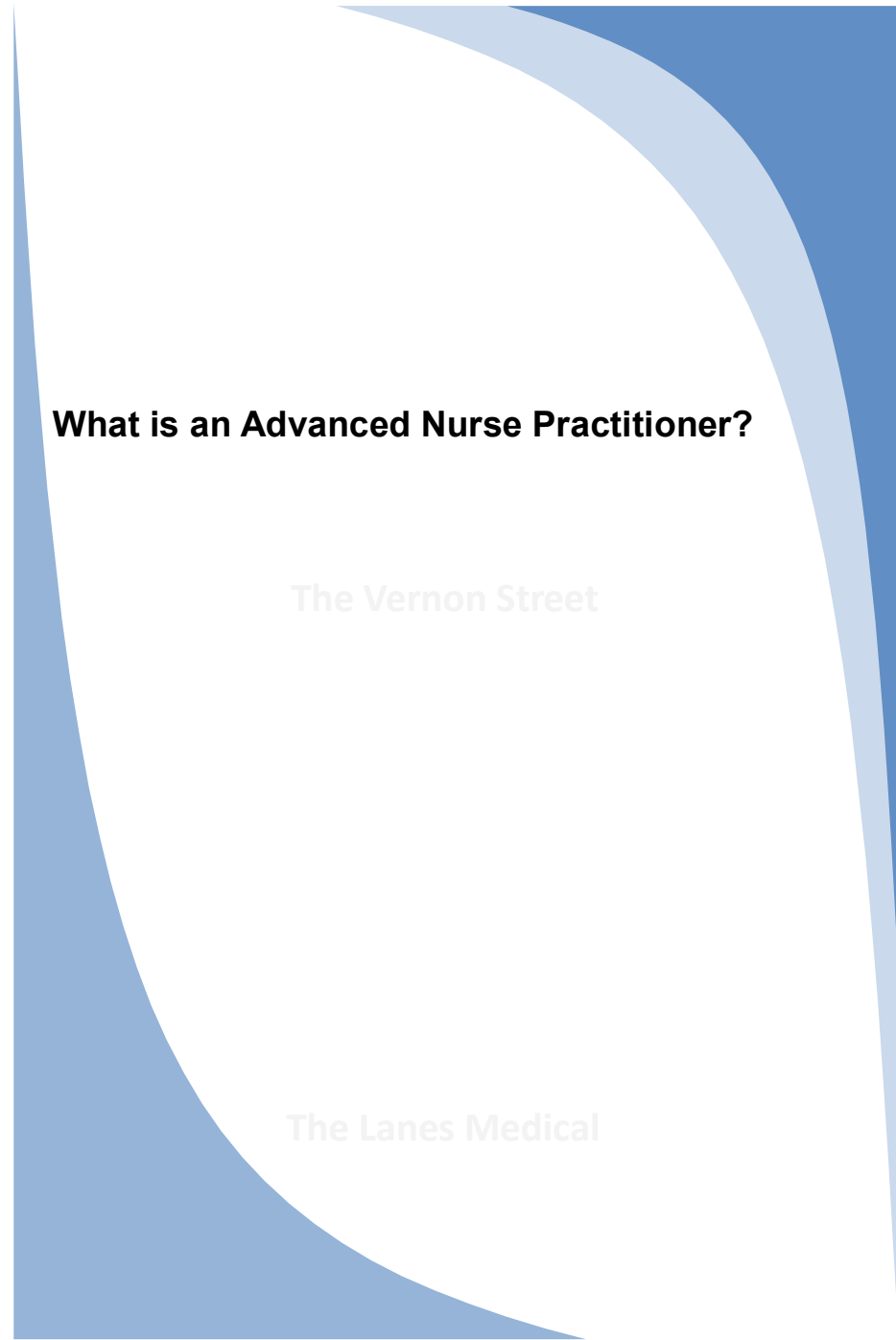


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Many people are unsure what a Nurse practitioner is. This leaflet has been designed to provide information about the role of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner here at the Vernon street and the Lanes Medical Centre.

A Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse who has undertaken additional study. This is usually a master of science Degree in advanced nursing practice. They can assess your health care needs based on highly developed nursing knowledge and skills, make a diagnosis and discuss and plan treatment options with you. A Nurse Practitioner can also prescribe any necessary medication. They can also refer to the hospital should the need arise.

Advanced Nurse practitioners work as part of the practice team and aim to provide you with a greater choice of which health professionals you wish to see about your health needs. Seeing a nurse practitioner also helps to free appointments with the doctor for more complex health conditions.

A doctor is always available should the nurse practitioner wish to talk to him/her about your health needs.

Occasionally, the nurse practitioner may suggest that you make another appointment to see the doctor if your problem is a little more complex than first thought.

There is a nurse practitioner at each surgeries.so next time you need to make an appointment, why not ask the receptionist if the nurse practitioner can help you?

The Advanced Nurse Practitioners are :

**Mike Barnwell**

**Jane Scott**



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