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Dr O'Dwyer to join Floating Doctors on Sabbatical

In March 2018 I spent a week in a remote part of Panama in Central America to work with Floating Doctors www.floatingdoctors.com.

Floating Doctors is a charity which delivers mobile health clinics in remote island settings along Panama's coast. They serve a native tribe called the 'Ngabe' people living on these islands where they are cut off from mainland services. They live without running water or electricity making them susceptible to many tropical diseases. Floating Doctors provide the only medical service to this community whose closest government health care facility can be a hospital perhaps a 12 hour canoe journey away.

Floating Doctors is entirely non-profit and relies on volunteers to continue the work they do. I feel that this is a very worthwhile project and have decided to give a few months of my time to support their work. My wife and 6 children will all travel with me and I am very excited that my eldest two children will be able to work alongside me as non-medical volunteers, while my younger children will enrol in the local schools.

In my absence Dr Michael Cotter will be returning to Edenpark Surgery to look after my patients. Dr Cotter is well known to many of you already & I know that he will look after you very well until my return in July. I'd like to thank Dr Cotter as well as my partners, Dr Wheeler & Dr Joyce, and the entire Edenpark team for getting behind me the way they have so this sabbatical could become a reality for me and my family.

If you wish to find out more about the organisation then please visit the website at www.floatingdoctors.com.



Floating Doctors on their way to their next remote island clinic