

Surgery to help estate starts work

THE new doctor's practice on Tolworth's Sunray estate will be run by Dr. Tilaka Mohan.

Called the Sunray surgery it is at number 57 Knollmead and opened on Thursday. The telephone number during surgery hours is 330 4056 and during other times 689 6811 from which a 24 hour bleep cover operates.

Surgery hours are: Monday to Friday 10 am-11 am; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5 pm-6 pm and Fridays 6 pm-7 pm. There is no surgery on Thursdays.

Viable

In addition to general medical care the surgery will also offer some specialised services. These are vaccination and immunisation, ante-natal care, post-natal care and family planning service.

Dr. Mohan hopes that all Sunray residents who wanted

and would benefit from a local surgery on the estate will respond by registering with her practice as soon as possible, in order to ensure that the surgery is viable.

Her reception staff will be there from 9.15 am-12.30 pm and from 4 pm-6.30 pm.

People living on the estate, numbering about 1,800, were left without a doctor for more than a year following the retirement of Dr. Solle Freedman at the end of June 1980.

There are other doctors practising near the estate but residents felt they needed a general practitioner to serve them directly.

Dr. Mohan's new practice has allayed fears that there were not enough potential patients to make a new surgery attractive enough to an incoming doctor.

As the estate is cut off from the rest of Tolworth on four sides, making it virtually an island, there were difficulties for young mothers and pensioners travelling to a doctor off the estate.

Estate waited over year for a new GP

A new doctor's surgery which opened last week has allayed fears of mothers living on Tolworth's Sunray Estate.

The 1,800 residents were left without a GP for over 12 months following the retirement of Dr Solle Friedman in June 1980.

Mums with babies and old people, were worried about travelling to the nearest doctor some distance from the estate.

Some people even moved from the area because of the lack of close medical care. Three doctors practice within a mile radius — but it was feared they would become overloaded.

The new doctor, who practises from the Sunray Surgery at 57 Knollmead, Tolworth, is Dr Tilaka Mohan.

Dr Mohan, aged 33, qualified in her native Sri Lanka and came to this country in 1975. She has been in a partnership at Sutton.

She has specialised in obstetrics and ante-natal and post-natal care, and has two children of her own, aged three and five.

Dr Mohan, who lives with her husband, a chemical engineer, in Blakes Avenue, New Malden, said she had talked to the retired doctor about the problems.

The day she opened she said: "I had ten patients come this morning. I am relying on word of mouth and hope to have over 1,000 patients eventually."

