



## DOCTOR'S NEW TO YOU.

There are two Doctors who have joined the Surgery Team recently, both of whom are well into their training aiming to be successful as a GP.



**Dr Francis Okoroh**

My name is **Dr Francis Okoroh**, I am currently a Foundation Year 2 Doctor and my plan is to become a GP. I will be starting my ST2 GP training in Birmingham from August.

I am 6 feet 7 inches tall but not the tallest person in my family!

My hobbies include going to the gym, playing/watching football and travelling whenever I get the time.

### **Dr Sufyaan Patel**

MBBS, BSc, Qualified London 2015.

I have worked in Birmingham Heartlands Hospital for the last two years rotating in the specialties of General Surgery, Old age Psychiatry, Renal and General medicine, Care of the elderly and Trauma and Orthopaedics. I have varied interests within medicine including: Surgery and minor procedures, ENT and medical education.

Outside of medicine I try my hand at different sports to varying degrees of success, the latest of which is squash!



**Dr Sufyaan Patel**

**For information on the training involved to become a GP**

**[please click here](#)**

# CONSULTANT CONNECT

**Consultant Connect** is an innovative telecoms system that allows GPs to connect with local Specialty Consultants whilst the patient is with them in the consultation room for immediate advice and guidance.

This service which improves communications between Primary and Secondary care began just over a year ago as a pilot and became live on 30 November 2016.



There has been very positive feedback from both GPs and Consultants about the service which runs during normal GP working hours from 8am until 6pm. The advice and guidance given is recorded so will also be held on the patient records.

The specialities covered at present are Cardiology, Haematology, Respiratory, Renal Medicine, Gynaecology, Gastroenterology, Diabetes and Endocrinology. It is planned to expand the specialities in the near future.

Out of over 1,400 calls since launch, 56% resulted in a referral being avoided.

This has got to be a great initiative, improving efficiency, helping both the Doctors in Primary Care and us as patients.

Meanwhile.....

The current edition of **'Heart and Soul'** a magazine produced by The Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust is attached to the email circulating this document for the members of the Dorridge Patients Reference Group.



Plenty of information and news relating to activities of our local hospital group and the anticipated set of events to enable the coming together of The University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust and the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust.

Meanwhile.....

## **Easter Bank Holiday**

**A reminder that the Surgery will be closed on Good Friday the 14th April and Bank Holiday Monday the 17th April.**

**Re-opening on Tuesday the 18th April.**

**If help is needed during the holiday please phone 111 for non emergency situations.**



**The URGENT CARE unit at SOLIHULL HOSPITAL will open from 8am to 8pm on both of the above days. The minor injuries unit is also operational over the Easter period as normal.**

Meanwhile.....

Enjoy your holiday and be safe.



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