

# DORRIDGE SURGERY



PATIENT REFERENCE GROUP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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**For many years now a rumour has circulated that Dr Simon Watts is shortly to retire!**

**Well this time it is true!**

**Dr Watts, who we believe would rather be addressed by his Christian name, is due to retire at the end of this year. OFFICIAL!**

**We are pleased to inform you that Dr Karen Lim, known to many of us, is to become a partner of the practice in the new year.**

**We wish them both well.**

**More comment will follow in the coming Weeks.**



Meanwhile.....

Following on from previous reports regarding the planned merger of Solihull, Birmingham Cross City and Birmingham South Central CCG's, the following is a quote from the Solihull CCG web site.

## **NHS England approves merger to create largest CCG in England**

The three Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have received confirmation that NHS England has approved the CCGs' application to create a single CCG for Birmingham and Solihull, from April 2018. This approval is in principle, subject to a number of conditions.

These conditions include the approval of the new CCG's constitution; the appointment of a Chair, Accountable Officer and Chief Finance Officer; and ensuring that all statutory roles are in place, including that the new Governing Body is correctly constituted, and that a new staffing structure is identified.

Further to the conditions set out above, joint commissioning arrangements be confirmed, as well as single commissioning and financial strategies produced, prior to final authorisation being confirmed.

Subject to the successful completion of the conditions and actions above, the new organisation will be known as **NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group**.

The CCGs formally applied to NHS England to merge after a six week public consultation earlier this year, which showed overwhelming support for a full merger.

Paul Jennings, Interim Chief Executive of the NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCGs said:

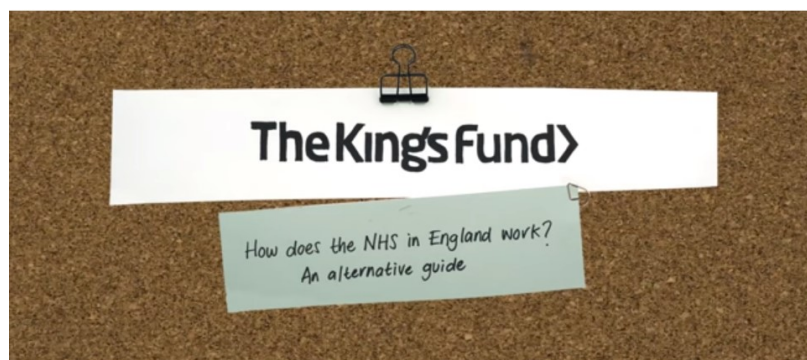
"This is an exciting time for the NHS in Birmingham and Solihull. The approval in principle from NHS England provides greater clarity for our patients, staff and partners, and even more momentum to ensure a smooth and successful transition to our new CCG, which will be the largest in England.

"I am very happy to say that we have already made significant progress on many of the conditions and actions set out by NHS England, thanks to the hard work and dedication of many CCG staff; there is however more work still to do.

"The new CCG will help to deliver the best possible outcomes for local people; tackling health inequalities and meeting the health and wellbeing needs of a diverse population."

Meanwhile.....

If any of our members are confused as to the workings of the NHS, the Kings Fund has produced an alternative presentation which can be viewed by clicking on the image below.



Meanwhile.....

The AGM for the Patients Participation Group took place recently, the minutes for which can be found by

[Clicking here.](#)

I am pleased to say that three members of the Patients Reference Group have agreed to be part of the Dorridge PPG Committee and will join us at the next committee meeting. The spread of knowledge is wide and encompasses many aspects of our health services.

Meanwhile.....

## **STOP PRESS!**

Fresh off the press, as and from Monday morning advanced appointments can be made on Systmonline via the Surgery Website.

As ever, it will be a case of 'once the appointments have gone, then they have gone!'

Meanwhile.....

## **Do you have back problems?**

The latest leaflet from HEFT features back pain and how to look after yourself if you are a sufferer. The leaflet can be found in the 'Leaflets for You' section on the left hand navigation bar of the Website.

There are video links and a link to a more detailed document.

To save you time just [Click here](#) to view the new leaflet.

Meanwhile.....

Keep warm, enjoy the fireworks and above all stay safe!



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