

# DORRIDGE SURGERY



PATIENT REFERENCE GROUP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## SOLIHULL PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP NETWORK

Four committee members from Dorridge PPG attended the recent Borough wide network meeting held at the West Warwickshire Sports Club.

Unfortunately, the planned speaker Dr Patrick Brooke, the Chief Accountable Officer for Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, was unable to be with us following a call to attend a meeting at NHS England.

The subject matter was to be the planned merger of the three CCG's, highlighting the current state of the merger and the plans for the near future.

We are sorry to say we cannot add much more to enlighten you, over and above the the information con-tined in the link given in the no.5 newsletter, however, we have ascertained that the officers for the com-bined CCG will be appointed by the end of June of this year (each post subject to interview - three CCG's into one!). The combined CCG will become a legal entity and operate from April 2018.

As soon as any further information comes too hand we will circulate to all registered members.

Meanwhile.....



The network welcomed Phil Godfrey who related his life and that of his late wife who suffered from antiphospholipid syndrome, more commonly known as Hughes syndrome or 'sticky blood'. A most touching story.

Phil is planning to Trek from the Scilly Isles to the Shetland Isles via the west of the country to raise money for APS Support. He is well on his way to achieving the £40,000 target. Should you wish to donate, please go to: [www.justgiving.com/Phil-Godfrey-Trek](http://www.justgiving.com/Phil-Godfrey-Trek) and for more information go to: <http://aps-support.org.uk/>

# Solihull *MyLife*

Did you know, there is a centre in Solihull, which is dedicated to assisting both disabled individuals and their carers?

Wouldn't it be great if you could try out items designed to help your quality of life before you purchase, how about a self stirring mug! How about a through floor lift? There is plenty more.....

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## Just visit

**The Better Living Centre  
Unit 4, Elmdon Trading Estate  
Bickenhill Lane Solihull  
B37 7HE**

For all contact details go to: <https://solihull.mylifeportal.co.uk/betterlivingcentre/>

Loads of other links are there too.

### Meanwhile.....

A patient has asked us to highlight an awareness week starting from the 6th February, 2017.



## TINNITUS AWARENESS

Isn't it remarkable, when either we are diagnosed with or hear of someone with, a particular condition, our awareness is somewhat lacking and we and they may feel alone.

And then the revelation, after talking to friends and family, how many people have either the same or a similar condition and what a relief, we are not alone!

We still have to cope with the situation we are faced with and thankfully there are plenty of support groups and charities in this land to help us to enjoy a quality of life.

For more detailed information on tinnitus just go to:

[www.tinnitus.org.uk](http://www.tinnitus.org.uk)

### Meanwhile.....

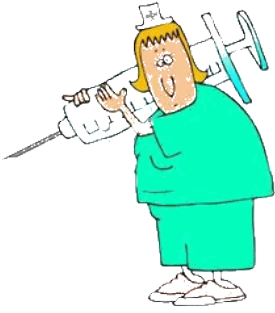
One announcement that was made at the recent Solihull PPG Network meeting, was that a number of Practices had come together or about to come together in a Federation, including Dorridge Surgery.

Following the meeting it became clear, that whatever had been said, this was by no means a correct picture at this time.

There are ongoing options being considered by all parties.

Somehow or other there will be a co-operation between practices to meet the demands that they have to face in the future. Watch this space.

Meanwhile.....



A follow up to the series of Flu clinics and vaccinations carried out by the Doctors and the Nursing staff during normal surgery hours. 2,327 patients received the flu vaccination at the last count.

With regard to the vaccination to combat Shingles, there are around 300 registered patients who have not taken advantage of this. The Surgery has reminded those that this applies to, with particular reference to the 79 year olds, as on reaching the 80th Birthday the scheme does not apply.

The Criteria, which is age related, is:

You are eligible for the shingles vaccine if you were aged 70 or 78 years old on 1 September 2016.

In addition, anyone who was eligible for immunisation in the previous three years of the programme but missed out on their shingles vaccination remains eligible until their 80th birthday. This includes:

*people aged 71, 72 and 73 on 1 September 2016*

*people aged 79 on 1 September 2016*

If you know of anyone who has not been vaccinated, perhaps you could bring this to their attention.

For detailed information [Click here.](#)

Meanwhile.....

There are two further additions to the Surgery Team, details will be in our next issue, together with information on self referral to the physiotherapy service.

Meanwhile.....

Further clarification for the need to produce photo ID should you wish to register for access to your patient records.

*DORRIDGE SURGERY POLICY IS THAT ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE ONLINE SYSTEM NEED TO BE DONE FACE TO FACE AT THE SURGERY, & ON THE PRODUCTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ID. Patients wanting access to their detailed coded records are to expect a 28 day turn around, as their record has to be checked by a GP first before access is granted.*

*There is an option to register online for access however this service is NOT available at Dorridge Surgery. Please accept our apologies for this but it is TPP who provide the clinical system, & they have put this as an option that we cannot remove. We DO NOT accept, or respond to online requests to access records/appointments/prescriptions online.*

Meanwhile.....

Keep Warm!

