

DORRIDGE SURGERY



PATIENT REFERENCE GROUP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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DOCTORS JOIN OUR SURGERY!

As you are probably aware our Surgery is committed to assist in training those who have chosen the medical profession, as their role in life, in the years to come.

In the past we have just seen *names* appearing on the 'Appointments Available' section on [Systmonline](#), which has not given the patient much of an indication as to who they are, even though they will have gone through 5 years of Med School Training. We are hoping to keep you informed of any changes, as we are planning to include the movements, as and when they occur in the future.

We warmly welcome two new members to the team, Dr Victoria Smith and Dr Matt Wix, who have agreed to their photo being published and give us a little bit on their background. **Both are on FY2's !**

Dr Victoria Smith

"My name's Victoria. I'm from London originally and trained at the University of Birmingham. I have worked in the Wolverhampton and Central Birmingham areas and will be with the practice in Dorridge until April, which I have been looking forward to very much. In my spare time I enjoy taking part in sport, particularly cycling and running".



Dr Matt Wix

"I graduated in 2015 from the University of Manchester and have since completed rotations at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in stroke medicine, urology and ENT. I am hoping to pursue a career in general practice following a year out to gain further experience in other specialities. Outside of medicine I enjoy rugby and socialising with friends."

What is FY2?

The answer can be found by clicking on the link below

[How long does it take to become a GP?](#)

We have four young ladies, who have served on the Dorridge PPG Committee, all of whom are at Medical School at this time and we cannot wait for them to be called Doctor!

Meanwhile.....

PRESCRIBING MEDICINES



Once the licence for a medicine comes to an end, other pharmaceutical companies can produce the drug, which has been protected by the licence. This, of course, must have the active ingredient identical to the original. With this release the effectiveness is maintained, at a lower cost.

This frees up NHS resources to pay for other treatments. It also gives the pharmacist the widest choice of products to dispense. This can be important, particularly if there is a shortage of a particular product.

The decision to change the supplier lies with the GP. If your GP changes your regular prescription from a branded medicine to a generic version, you should be told about the change before you collect your prescription.

This is to ensure you understand that although your medicine may have a different name, it will still contain the same active ingredient. Your pharmacist can also be a helpful source of information and advice when this happens.

Just a reminder, when you pick up your prescription, the medicine may look different and there will be a different name on the label. However, it will contain the same active ingredient as the medicine you used before.

SOLIHULL URGENT CARE CENTRE

Following the request made in the previous information sheet, it does not appear that any of our registered members needed to take advantage of the updated facilities at Solihull Hospital. Should there be a need in the future let us know of your experience. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SURGERY BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Surgery will be closed on the 26th and 27th December, opening normally on the 28th, 29th and 30th December. Likewise, the Surgery will be closed on the 2nd January, opening normally on the 3rd January.

Repeat prescriptions need to be with the Surgery by 10am 21st December to ensure processing prior to the Christmas break.

During the weekends and on the closure dates, please phone 111 for assistance.



More news soon.....

