

Congratulations to our Senior Partner Dr Stephen Ledger on his appointment as a board member of the Leeds West Commissioning Group!



We have been a proud independent Practice for many years, but many of you will know that all GP Practices have been asked by Government to form/join a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

This is a large collection of Practices capable of managing and running a budget for local health care commissioning in Leeds and beyond, also a drug budget and the cost of out-patient, in-patient and emergency care. Quite a task!

There is a huge amount of work necessary to ensure the CCG's are "fit for purpose" by April 2013. The intention is to put primary care - including patient participation - at the heart of local decision making in health care, with ultimately closer links to social care provision too.

After careful deliberation, we have joined the Leeds West CCG, the largest of 3 major organisations in Leeds, with approximately 320,000 patients under the umbrella.

Dr Ledger has been appointed as a board member of the Leeds West Commissioning Group for a two year period which is a great honour for our practice. It means that he will have some influence over decision making which we feel will be of great benefit to our patients.

It will be impossible for Dr Ledger to sustain the work he is doing here as well as carrying out the additional work required for the CCG. He is struggling to let go of his full time responsibilities as a GP in the practice but (for the good of his health) he has made the difficult decision to **reduce the number of GP appointments he has available each week with effect from July 2012.** This will make it more difficult to get an appointment to see him which we understand will be upsetting for some patients, especially those who he has looked after for many years.

We do have a team of experienced GPs at the practice who are happy to look after patients if they cannot get an appointment with Dr Ledger.

When we discussed the changes with our Patient Reference Group members they felt it would be beneficial to provide details of all our GPs together with their clinical specialities and other responsibilities at the practice - *please see over the page.*

Our Doctors

	<p>Dr Alison Best Part time GP Partner. Special interests in young people's health, mental health, women's health (including IUD & IUS fitting), and care homes. Responsibility for prescribing.</p>		<p>Dr Francis Perez-Carral Part time GP Partner. Special interests in minor surgery and ear nose and throat (ENT) medicine.</p>
	<p>Dr Sabodh Gogna Part time GP Partner. Responsibility for prescribing and safeguarding vulnerable children & adults.</p>		<p>Dr Suzie Henstock Part time GP Partner. Special interests in chronic heart disease and contraceptive health.</p>
	<p>Dr Danny Hurwitz Part time GP Partner. Special interests in gastroenterology, minor surgery, cardiovascular disease and respiratory disease. Responsibility for Finance, Premises Management and Health, Safety and Security.</p>		<p>Dr Stephen Ledger Full time GP Partner. Special interests in skin disease, mental health and drug addiction. Responsibility for prescribing and commissioning.</p>
	<p>Dr Karen Logan Full time GP Partner. Special interests in paediatrics, gynaecology, drug addiction, contraception and weight management. Responsibility for personnel, young people and the patient reference group.</p>		<p>Dr Phillipa Barnes Full time salaried GP. Special interest in women's health.</p>
	<p>Dr Jenny Calvert Part time salaried GP. Special interest in drug addiction.</p>		<p>Dr Bryony Mathew Full time salaried GP. Special interests in paediatrics, women's health (including contraceptive implants) and minor surgery.</p>
	<p>Dr Gareth O'Hare Full time salaried GP. Special interest in joint injections.</p>	<p>Our senior nurses run minor illness clinics at the practice and are able to provide prescriptions where appropriate. Please advise the receptionist when making an appointment if you think you have a minor illness. This will leave our GP appointments for the patients who need them.</p>	