

NEWSFLASH!

Dr Nigel Watson has been a GP at Arnewood for over 30 years and is currently the managing partner. In addition to his role as a GP he is the Chief Executive of Wessex Local Medical Committees, which is a body that represents all GPs and Practices in Bath, Dorset, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Wiltshire and Swindon. As a result of this he is very experienced in all aspects of general practice.

As you may have seen in the media, the NHS is under significant pressure and this is especially true of general practice. Here at The Arnewood Practice we have been fortunate to be able to recruit two new GPs recently, many practices have not been so fortunate.

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt has announced a review of the Partnership model of General Practice, looking to ensure it is fit for the future and seek ways to revitalise this. We are very proud to inform you that he has appointed Dr Nigel Watson as the independent chair of this review.

This means Dr Watson will be absent from the practice from June to January in order for him to complete this important work. Many of you will have already met Dr Marc Picot, who will be staying with us to cover his absence.

We all wish Dr Watson the best of luck in this exciting role, and will keep you updated on his progress!