

## NEW TEAM STRUCTURE

### **Dr Chris Markwick (Senior Partner)**

**MB ChB (Liverpool), MRCGP, MSc, PGCert.**

I joined Old Forge Surgery in May 2018 following the retirement of Dr Nainby-Luxmoore. Previously, I was a partner at Carmel Medical Practice in Darlington, where I still practice one day per week. Before moving, I was senior partner of a large practice in north Kent and an elected member of the local clinical commissioning group's governing body.

Alongside family medicine my clinical interests include urgent care, rheumatology, pain, paediatrics and medical informatics. I am also a certified trainer and have supported a number of trainee GPs towards qualification.

### **Dr Heather MacConachie (Partner)**

**BSc (Hons), MBBS, MRCGP DFRH**

I joined the practice in 2014 as a GP Registrar and fully qualified as a GP in March 2016. I was delighted to be made a Partner of the practice in April 2017. My medical interests lie in Women and Child Health, diabetes and palliative care. When I am not at work I am kept very busy raising 2 young daughters with my husband Simon, and chasing after our pug Vinnie.

### **Dr Kirsty Williamson (Salaried GP)**

**MBBS, DRCOG, MRCGP**

Originally from West Cumbria, I completed my medical training at Newcastle University and have remained living and working in the North East ever since. I qualified as a GP August 2013 and had been working at a practice in Darlington prior to starting my role here at the Old Forge Surgery in April of this year. I live in Darlington with my husband Ben and my 2 young Children and enjoy music and singing with a local community choir.

### **Mrs Stephanie Connolly BA (Hons)**

We moved to the area in December 2017 and I was delighted to join the Old Forge in July 2018 as Practice Manager. I would like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome both to the area and to the Practice. Outside of work, I enjoy walking and photography with my husband Mike and our boisterous dog Harry.

## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

### What is a Patient Group?

A selection of patients and practice staff who meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services and facilities offered by the practice to our patients.

We are welcoming new members to our Patient Group?

If you would like to register your interest in becoming a member please ask Reception for a form to complete and return it to the Surgery or alternatively speak to Stephanie for more information.

## BREAST SCREENING

Every eligible female who turn 50 to 70 will start to be invited to a breast screening appointment every three years.

The breast screening unit is in the local area from July—November and invites are being sent to all those who are eligible.

In the meantime if you're worried about breast cancer symptoms, such as a lump or area of thickened tissue in a breast, or you notice that your breasts look or feel different from what's normal for you, don't wait to be offered screening – see your GP.

## MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE CARNIVAL 2018

### Scarecrow Competition/Trail

The scarecrow competition/trail commences on Saturday 21 July 2018 to Saturday 4 August 2018

Good luck

If you have any comments or queries, please feel free to speak to Stephanie, Practice Manager on 01833 640217 or by email: [middleton.teesdale@nhs.net](mailto:middleton.teesdale@nhs.net)