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Best Wishes Dr Manudhane on your retirement after 35 years at the Village Surgery

Dr Varsha Manudhane will be hanging up her stethoscope on March 2nd after looking after the health of her patients in Wolstanton for 35 years. I called in to chat with her a few days before she retired.

She was inspired to train to be a doctor after her mother had TB spine at the time Dr Manudhane was taking her O Levels in Solapur in India. She spent six years studying in Pune, India.



She arrived in England in 1975 and worked for a short while in Margate but did most of her GP training in Salford, Lancashire. She said that Salford then was an eye-opener as it contained a very poor slum area. She went out there on GP visits and after that was never scared of visiting patients. When she came to Wolstanton in 1980 she found it very nice, much greener and not nearly so crowded.

The surgery was then based in the Old House which was very cold for her in winter. Dr Manudhane then took the lead in building the new purpose built surgery which opened in 1987.

When asked what she most liked about being a GP she said without any hesitation that she always enjoyed working with people and never knowing what will walk through her surgery door. The beauty of being a GP, she said, is working with the whole range from a new

born baby to a centenarian. In particular she found working with cancer patients most rewarding.

The GP's role has changed massively she recalled citing the great improvements in caring for patients with chronic illnesses.

I asked her what her impression is of the people of Wolstanton and again without a pause she said they are really friendly. She has really enjoyed working here and will be very sad to finish. One thing she will not miss though is the mountain of paper work! One thing she will miss is seeing her patients and the satisfaction that that brings. Life as a GP is so busy she hasn't yet been able to think what she will do to replace the friendly chats with patients and the mental stimulation demanded by the job. Now her patients know she is retiring she is very touched and grateful by so many positive comments she is hearing from them.

Does she have any advice for her successor? 'Yes, Treat this practice as their own and always work for its benefit. It is a great practice'. Dr Manudhane is rightly very proud of the Village Surgery and what she has achieved here. (Gerry Grant, PPG Member)

Dr Manudhane, we are very proud of you. Thank you for your care over 35 years and all our best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Television while you wait

The Village Surgery now boasts a new television in the waiting area. In discussion with the practice doctors, the PPG has been instrumental in obtaining a television for the benefit of patients.

The new television is sited in the waiting room area and includes a new appointment system for patients. Patients will now be called to their consultation with the doctor on the television screen. Since the new web based computer system has been established the appointment system will be part of this upgraded software and should be much more user friendly for patients.

Much more information will be screened on the television to help publicise NHS initiatives both nationally and locally and, for instance, information about our own Village Surgery Practice. It is hoped to screen information and contact details on local caring organisations such as North Staffs Carers.

If you feel you could suggest improvements in the material screened or in the effectiveness of the television please contact the surgery at reception or on 01782 626172. we would value your feedback on this new service.

Care Quality Commission. Village Surgery Report

Back in January the Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited the Village Surgery to 'inspect' the practice. They spent a full day talking to the doctors, to managers, staff patients and the PPG.

We are still awaiting the full report which is normally published about eight weeks after the visit. We hope to bring out a special edition of the newsletter once the full report has been published.

What has been established is that the visit was really positive.

The next issue

The next 'a Day in the Life of....' will feature in the next issue and will focus on life as a receptionist in the Village Surgery.



Did not attend

In September 2014 44 patients did not attend morning appointments and 27 did not attend afternoon appointments. Please let the surgery know if you cannot attend so someone else can use the precious doctor's time. Ring 626172.

Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening Programmes and Incidence.

Cancer incidence for all cancers combined in North Staffordshire PCT (including ST5 postcode area) is below the national average according to Cancer Research UK.

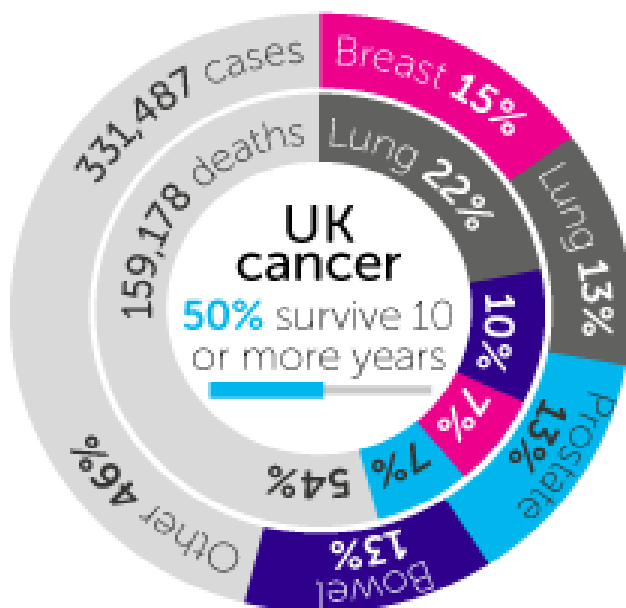
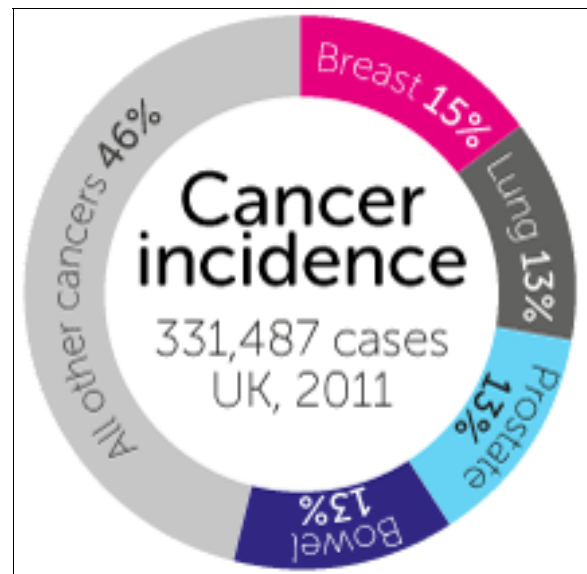
The cancer incidence rate in North Staffordshire PCT (365.5 per 100,000) is lower than the English average (398.1 per 100,000).

More than four in ten cases of cancer could be prevented by lifestyle changes, such as not smoking, keeping a healthy body weight, cutting back on alcohol, eating a healthy balanced diet, keeping active, staying safe in the sun and others.

You can read more about cancer statistics at <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-info/cancerstats/incidence/uk-cancer-incidence-statistics>.

The graph (right) shows the percentage incidence of the four most common types of cancer in the UK in 2011.

The improving news is that 50% of cancer patients are surviving 10 years or more.



The graph left shows the improving survival rates of the four commonest types of cancer. Screening and, therefore, early detection and diagnosis improves survival rates substantially. So take up the screening chances or arrange to talk to your GP if you notice potential symptoms. For further information cancerresearchuk.org or google for symptoms. for specific Cancers.

Meet The Village Surgery

PRACTICE TEAM

Doctors: Dr V V Manudhane Dr S T Manian Dr M Arora

Nursing team: Ann Oakley, Paula Bourne (Practice Nurses)
Lynn Williams (Health care assistant)

Practice Manager: Janet Wright Assistant Manager: Christine Payne.

Reception/Admin: Joy Hadley, Tracy Foulkes, Jayne Gerken, Linda Kelly, Neelam Khunger,
Caroline Kirbyshire, Elizabeth Roberts, Margaret Savage.

Domestic Assistant: Linda Davies

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Chairperson: Eric Shone Members: Robert Bentley, Leo Clare,
Sylvia Davis, Graham Davis,
Secretary: Jacquie Evans Marie Olivant, Gerry Grant (Newsletter).
IT consultant: Paul Swinhoe

Do you want to be part of the Village Surgery PPG?

See Janet Wright in reception about joining this pro-active group.

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Surgery Hours

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday 7.30am—6pm.
Thursday 8am—1pm.

Next Meeting of PPG

If you wish to join the PPG please register your intention to join the PPG with the Practice Manager at least one week before the meeting. You would be more than welcome. **Next Issue :- CQC**

On Line Appointments

Do you know you can book an appointment on line?

Ask at reception or visit the website for further details
Or ring 626172

A & E

Think before you go to A & E. Can other services help you quicker?

- Telephone 111
- Out of hours GP Service Ring 626172 when the surgery is closed.
- Walk in Centres: The Haywood High Lane and the Midway Newcastle
- Ask at reception for more details

