

Planned Merge - Dr B T Solway & Dr N Mallick

Our priority within the practice is to continue to offer good quality healthcare to our patients in the face of some significant challenges.

General Practice generally is under pressure with ever increasing demand for services as the population ages and expectations rise. Qualified GPs and practice nurses are in short supply and difficult to recruit.

Our own position is further complicated in that were we to be able to recruit new clinicians we do not have rooms for them to use.

We recognise that if we are to be able to continue to properly serve our community it is inevitable that changes be made. We have been thinking about these issues for some time and as a consequence we are exploring the possibility of a merger with the new Two Rivers Medical Centre (located at 30 Woodbridge Road, IP4 5PB, web address:

<http://www.tworiversmedicalcentre.co.uk/>) with a view to merging on **1 April 2019**. This website gives transport information about getting to the practice.

We feel this merger will allow us to continue to offer general practice medical services in a new, brighter environment with many more facilities for our patients - not least a sizeable car park. Our hope is that these improved facilities will not just be a plus for our patients but that we will be better placed to recruit clinicians and have sufficient rooms to accommodate them when they arrive.

We are a committed training practice and we will be joining another dedicated training practice and it is our joint ambition to create a centre of excellence for clinical training in Ipswich-this can only benefit our patients.

We are currently preparing more formal and detailed business plans, working with both the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England on details of how this merger should occur. We will keep all of our employees, patients, colleagues and stakeholders informed of progress by means of posters in the surgery, news items on the website and by the patient group.

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