

# Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership



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## Surgery Update

Bradford-on-Avon Health Centre merged with St Margaret's Surgery in July 2011.

This was done to improve services for the patients of the town and to enable the doctors of Bradford-on-Avon to speak with one voice when negotiating for services for the town.

We have lost our community hospital with many associated services and we are determined to resist any further reduction of services in the town. We are keen to set up new and innovative schemes – recent examples have been vascular screening and psoriasis clinics.

All acute medical care in Bradford-on-Avon is done at the Health Centre, the premises at St Margaret's Surgery being used for clinics and administrative functions.

Winsley Health Centre opened 5 years ago and is a very popular dispensing surgery for the surrounding villages.

We are committed to teaching and training new GPs and have been recognised as a Centre of Excellence enabling us to accommodate registrars of a very high calibre.

St Damian's surgery in Melksham is also part of our

Partnership and we are looking to move it from its current premises at Melksham hospital.

We will be re-branding the surgery as Melksham Health Centre and will be looking to expand the services offered to Melksham patients.

We live in exciting and changing times in the NHS. The Partners of the Bradford-on-Avon and Melksham Health Partnership are committed to providing the highest standard of care for our local population.

It is a year since The Health Centre and All Saints practices merged. We feel we have combined the best elements of both practices and started to strengthen our future primary care provision in both Bradford on Avon and Melksham. As with any restructuring there are always teething problems but we hope that these are behind us and that we are moving forward to provide the highest standard of primary care deserved by all our patients.

Why not visit our recently updated website to see the variety of services we provide. We would be interested to hear your views/comments. [www.boamhp.co.uk](http://www.boamhp.co.uk)

Dr Nigel Gough, Senior Partner



## If you notice blood in your pee, even if it's 'just the once', tell your doctor straight away.

You're not wasting anyone's time by getting your symptoms checked out and, if it's not serious, your mind will be put at rest. But if it is a condition such as kidney or bladder cancer early diagnosis makes it easier to treat. Seeing your doctor could save your life.

Having symptoms doesn't mean it's cancer.

Some symptoms may be caused by an infection or kidney or bladder stones, all of which may need treatment. But don't try to diagnose yourself. Go and see your doctor now to find out for sure. For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/bloodinpee](http://www.nhs.uk/bloodinpee)

## To all Dr Bond & Dr Langdon Patients

We have recently learned that Dr Sian Langdon will not be returning to the Practice after her maternity leave in July 2012.

Dr Langdon has been with the Practice since joining as a Registrar in August 2006 and has been very much part of "the family".

We are sure Dr Langdon's patients will join the Practice in wishing her and her family very best wishes for the future and to thank Dr Langdon for everything she has done in the last (almost) 6 years.

Dr Laura Bond has also decided that it's time for pastures new and will be leaving the practice on 20th July 2012.

Dr Bond has been with the practice since August 2008 when she joined as a Registrar. The practice (and we're sure the patients too) would like to thank Dr Bond for her tremendous contribution to the Practice and the help/support she has given to so many patients (and staff!).

The surgery staff will miss Dr Langdon & Dr Bond enormously and feel grateful to have worked with both of them.

Interviews for potential replacements have been held and we will keep patients updated via the practice website when we have more information to share! We are just finalising contractual arrangements.

## LINK Patient Transport

If you need help with transport to attend an appointment at the surgery, the hospital or to collect a prescription, please call Link on **07957 367124 (Bradford on Avon)** or **07979 129052 (Melksham)** or visit their website for more information

[www.wiltslink.org.uk](http://www.wiltslink.org.uk)

**This service is provided by volunteers and although there is no fare, they do ask for a donation.**

## Booking Appointments Online

Patients are now able to book **routine appointments with the doctor** on-line by clicking onto the 'make appointment' button on the home screen of the practice website [www.boamhp.co.uk](http://www.boamhp.co.uk)

You will need to register to use this service.

To do this, please see the receptionist, with proof of ID (driving licence/passport/utility bill) and they will provide you with a username and password.

If you are already registered to use the on-line repeat prescription service, you do not need another password as you will automatically have access to the appointment section. Patients will soon be able to book the following appointments online: blood tests, cervical smear tests & non-urgent telephone consultations with the Doctors.