

## **Stowhealth GP Partner retiring**

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I have been a part time partner at Stowhealth for nearly 24yrs. I have loved my job and have felt hugely privileged to have had a role to play in my patients many and varied problems; it has been very challenging at times but mainly incredibly rewarding.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been part of such a great and hardworking team here at Stowhealth - I am so proud to have had a small part in all the changes and innovations that we have seen over the decades. We were one of the first practices to have a website and to use entirely paperless records way back in the noughties, we held art shows relating to health conditions which were hard work but fun, we were founder members of a 'super-practice'- Suffolk Primary Care and we are currently involved in an exciting artificial intelligence project for the future.

I have enjoyed training GP's of the future, junior doctors and now the new era of physician associates. Women's health and contraception have always been particular interests of mine and it is pleasing that research and development in this area now offers women more choice.

I am a GP appraiser and meet GPs from across the region. I know that many practices are really struggling to survive and we have had to adapt the way we practice to cope with demand - I know my colleagues here will do their utmost to keep looking after the population of Stowmarket to the best of their ability.

I will miss my partners and colleagues but hope to come back for the occasional locum as I can't imagine not working at all- in the meantime I will enjoy having more time with my family and improving my golf!

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