



**Dr Gavin Bartholomew**

**Partner at WHMP to retire in March 2020**

**Dr Gavin Bartholomew** will be retiring from the White Horse Practice on 31st March this year. He joined the practice as a partner in January 1993 with a broad background of work in primary care as well as overseas in developing countries.

During his time at the White Horse Practice he has taken an active role in developing the practice as it moved from its original premises in Coxwell Road to its current location with its dispensary service and greatly improved facilities. He has also seen it increase hugely in size from the 8,000 patients it originally cared for, up to today's figure of 16,000 and growing. He was a founding Board Member of Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group and led a number of initiatives, both within the practice and across Oxfordshire. His focus was to improve the facilities available to GP's as well as our ability to care for our patients with a particular emphasis on patients being looked after in their own community.

After 28yrs as a partner at the White Horse Practice, and having reached the age when he can take his pension, he is looking forward to the possibilities that increased free time will provide to continue working as a doctor in more varied locations as well as pursuing a range of personal interests. He has greatly enjoyed his work at the White Horse Practice and, whilst sorry to leave, knows that the current partners will continue the development of the White Horse Practice and retain a strong emphasis on caring for people in Faringdon and the local villages.