

Dear Patients

As you are all aware, we failed in our attempt to stop the closure of Orchard Surgery and we will, regrettably, close our doors on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Our patients have been wonderful and it has been sad to see many of you go and we shall miss you all. Thank you for all your lovely cards and gifts and wish you all the best always.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Orchard Surgery for supporting us over the years and raising money to buy medical equipment for the use of all our patients. The Friends have very kindly donated all this medical equipment to Extended Access so even more patients may benefit from it. Eric and his team of lovely ladies have been invaluable to us.

I would also like to thank Justin and all our PPG members, who again, have been so supportive, especially in the last few months when everyone has rallied round to help. We would not have had a PPG if it wasn't for Justin!

Another massive shout out to David and GHC for looking after us for the last 3 years, thank you for being there for us and being helpful and reassuring. We would not have got this far without you, David! Thank you for being our rock.

Last but not least, a huge thanks to a group of brilliant individuals, without whom, I could not have done anything and you, as patients, would not have received the services you did. I have had the opportunity to work with an outstanding team of GP's, nurses and administration staff. They have been the backbone of Orchard Surgery and you will all second that. If I had one wish, it would be to carry on working with my perfect team. I shall miss them a lot and I know I will never find a similar team elsewhere. I am grateful that I was lucky to have such an excellent team.

As practice manager at Orchard for almost 10 years, I am sad to leave but pleased I have come across so many wonderful people, staff and patients, with whom, I hope, I can cherish a lifelong friendship.

Take care everyone and wish you and yours stay safe and well xx

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