

Continuity – is it the key to care?

St Leonard's Practice, Exeter

Biographies of the team

Associate Professor Philip Evans MPhil FRCGP FHEA is also the research lead in St Leonard's Practice and has been since 1996. He was initially an RCGP Training Fellow, then a Lecturer in General Practice in the former Institute of General Practice at the University of Exeter, and has recently become an Associate Professor at the University of Exeter Medical School. He is the NIHR Clinical Research Network National Specialty Lead for Primary Care and Cluster Lead for Cluster C that includes the specialties of Primary Care, Mental Health, Public Health and Dermatology.

He has had a large number of articles published in research journals based on research undertaken both in the Practice and in the University. His current research interests are in the prevention and diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and the importance of family history in cardiovascular disease as well as continuity in primary care.

Dr Kate Sidaway-Lee PhD is a Research Fellow at St Leonard's Practice. She did her PhD at the University of Manchester and has publications in high ranking Biology journals. She is the third PhD research staff member to be employed by the Practice. She works part-time and is an integral member of the research team.

Professor Sir Denis Pereira Gray OBE MA HonDSc FRCP FRCGP FMedSci worked as a general practitioner for 38 years in the St Leonard's Practice, Exeter, following his father and grandfather. He has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Hunterian Society, London, the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and honorary doctorates by three British universities.

He established the first postgraduate university department of general practice in Europe at the University of Exeter and was later appointed Professor and Director of the Exeter University Postgraduate Medical School, serving for ten years. He was twice elected by the registered medical practitioners in England to the General Medical Council. He has written/edited four books and has had over 200 articles published in scientific medical journals.

Sir Denis has been a member of several Government Committees, including the Review of the Abortion Act. He was elected Chairman of Council and later President of the Royal College of General Practitioners; Chairman of the JCPTGP, a medical regulatory body; and was Chairman of the Trustees of the Nuffield Trust, a national health policy charity. He was knighted for services to quality assurance in general practice. Sir Denis was Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Academy of all the Medical Royal Colleges and is one of 30 British doctors who have been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, Washington, USA.

He is currently undertaking research at the St Leonard's Research Practice, Exeter, is an Assessor for the Queen's Award for Higher and Further Education, Patron of the National

Association for Patient Participation, and President of the children's charity: What About the Children?