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Dear Patient

I am writing to inform you with great sadness that after being a partner at Bishops Waltham Surgery for 18 years Dr Karen O’Reilly will retire on 31st March 2022.

She will be greatly missed by the whole team at the surgery and by many patients with whom she has consulted with over the years. A copy of her letter has been enclosed.

In light of Dr O’Reilly retiring from the partnership your usual GP will in the coming weeks change to one of our newer partners.

Please note this does not restrict you in any way booking an appointment with another GP within the practice.

A book will be available in reception should you wish to write a message to Dr O’Reilly, alternatively you can send this via email to whccg.bwsurgery@nhs.net and we will print and add this to the book.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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**Adrienne Ely**

**Practice Manager**

**A message from Dr O’Reilly**

Dear Patients,

I am writing to say that with some sadness at leaving and some excitement at new challenges ahead, that I will be retiring as a partner from Bishops Waltham Surgery on 31st March 2022.

I qualified as a doctor back in 1984 at the tender age of 23, thinking I knew everything and am now retiring at the grand old age of 61 knowing I know very little!

How fascinating and complex the human body is and what amazing advances have been made in medicine and technology in that time. I remember the olden days when GPs did their own house calls and the excitement of taking out with me my first mobile phone which was about the same size as my doctor’s bag. Oh, how things have changed!

What hasn’t changed is the pleasure and reward in hearing patients’ stories and being in a position to do something to be helpful and useful for others when they feel vulnerable and frightened when ill health strikes.

I have had experience over the years of serious illness in my own family and am very aware of how important it feels to have the support of a good doctor and I am very proud to have been a part of a team at Bishops Waltham who I know offer the very best care we can. At times we have all encountered frustrations as we are very much governed by NHS England in how care is delivered, and the pandemic has done little to make this easier but together we have all come through this now, I hope.

I feel privileged to have been part of the surgery here for the past 18 years and am enormously grateful to our patients for their support. I am leaving the surgery at a time when not only do we have a stable base of excellent doctors and ancillary staff but are also very fortunate to be welcoming some excellent new young doctors into the team.

In fact, all in all I am so sorry to be leaving it may be that I will need to up sticks in retirement and move into the village myself!

Thankyou you all from the bottom of my heart. Keep safe, keep healthy and most of all keep happy.

With very best wishes

**Dr Karen O’Reilly**