Wish Park Surgery, like most GP practices in the country, has always been a partnership. This means that the partners of the practice (until recently, Drs Amin, Evans, Hamid and Wells) own the practice and are fully responsible for running it as an organisation.

However, recent years have seen increasing pressures on the partnership model across the country as a whole, with workload, financial and recruitment challenges making it harder and harder to sustain practices as independent organisations. Wish Park is no exception to the national picture and the recent departures of Drs Evans and Wells have brought this into focus for us.

As part time GPs, Drs Amin and Hamid no longer feel able to carry the responsibility of running the practice as a business; so, with effect from December 1st, we decided to become part of a new primary care organisation called Sussex Primary Care.

Sussex Primary Care (SPC) is part of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, which is the organisation that runs local community NHS services – such as district nursing and school nursing. SPC exists to provide primary care NHS services to NHS patients using NHS funding.

In becoming part of SPC, Wish Park Surgery is able to rely on the support of a larger NHS organisation. This will give us access to specialist help and advice when we need it and will make our practice more resilient. It will also help us to work more closely with our colleagues in community services, improving safety and quality and providing a wider range of services to you.

The focus in the early days will be upon stability and ensuring we recruit the medical, nursing and admin staff we need. As time goes by, we expect the closer working relationship between our practice and local community staff to improve your experience of our services. We will be working with our Patient Participation Group as we develop these ideas; if you would like to be part of this group, please contact the surgery or email wishparkpatients@gmail.com .

As part of SPC, we believe that the practice has a strong and assured future.