

Dr Awais Abdullah
Clinical Lead – Children and Young People



Dr Awais Abdullah graduated from Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan in 1994. He chose Paediatrics as his area of interest after graduation. He did his Fellowship in Paediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Pakistan. In 2003 he came to UK and worked in Paediatrics in both acute Paediatrics as well as in Community Paediatrics in various roles. Awais gained his membership in Paediatrics (MRCPCH) in 2006. Dr Abdullah qualified as a GP in 2012 and is currently working as a part time GP at Laurie Pike Health centre.

Dr Ayaz Ahmed
Clinical Lead – Cancer and End of Life



Dr Ayaz Ahmed qualified from University College London and completed his vocational training at Sandwell General Hospital. He held positions at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London and was also a police surgeon at the hospital. He then joined his father at family practice in Sandwell and joined Compton Hospice as a Clinical assistant in 2006 for three years. He was also the first G.P. in West Midlands promoting Palliative Care. Dr Ahmed has specialist interest in Palliative Care and End of Life Care. Dr Ahmed is also board member for Sandwell Health Alliance.

Dr Manir Aslam
Clinical Lead – Urgent Care and 111



Dr Manir Aslam graduated from Trinity College, Dublin in 2002. He worked in a variety of hospitals in the West Midlands area and became a General Practitioner in 2009. He currently works in an inner-city practice, Newtown Health Centre, providing services to a diverse population. Manir has an interest in Urgent Care and was involved in the implementation of the Single Point of Access program. He is a Board member with the ICF, supporting General Practices in the Ladywood and Aston areas of Birmingham.



Dr Sirjit Bath
Clinical Lead – Urgent Care and NHS 111 (Governing Body Level)



Dr Sirjit Bath is a Senior Partner at Tower Hill practice, Great Barr, joining in 1986. He graduated from Leeds University in 1983, became a GP Trainer in 1994 and a GP Appraiser in 2005. Dr Bath was an Undergraduate Tutor at Warwick Medical School in 2004. He was a Board Member for Perry Barr PCG, North Birmingham PCT and now SWB CCG. In 2007 Dr Bath undertook the position of Urgent Care Lead at Heart of Birmingham Teaching Primary Care Trust.

Dr Simon Butler
Clinical Lead - Diagnostics and Intermediate Care & Demand Management



Dr Simon Butler graduated from Birmingham University in 1997 having originally come from London. He has been a partner at Handsworth Wood Medical Centre since 1991 and has been a GP trainer teaching medical students and trainee doctors since 2004.

Simon's medical interests include Diabetes, Chronic Disease, Intermediate Care, Elderly Care and Family Planning. His management responsibilities include commissioning.

Dr Surman Chawla
Clinical Lead – Ophthalmology



Dr Suman Chawla graduated from India in 1974. She went on to do a post graduation in gynaec-obstetrics in the UK. She has been working as a GP in Bearwood for the past 23 years. In addition Dr Chawla is a Board Member and Service Redesign Lead for Sandwell Health Alliance LCG and presently also leading on development of ophthalmological services in the community. Her passion is to enhance and develop services in the primary care to help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community.



Dr Binod Choudhary
Clinical Lead – Sexual Health



Dr Binod Choudhary is presently senior partner at Sarephed Medical Centre in Sandwell. Dr Choudhary has more than 30 Years experience in the Primary Care Services. He was also a part-time specialist in a STD Clinic (G.U.M) and Family Planning at Leicester Royal Infirmary Hospital, from 1988/1999. Dr Choudhary is also Vice-Chair of Sandwell LMC and a member of Mental Health Steering Group for Sandwell, which involves planning and clinical governance of mental health services in the area.

Elaine Cook
Clinical Lead – Respiratory



Elaine Cook has been in Practice Nursing since 1992 and has always been focused on respiratory care of patients throughout her career, which led her to achieve an MSc in Respiratory Care in 2009. In 2008-2010, Elaine was the COPD clinical lead for the Professional Executive Committee (PEC). Elaine is currently working with GP's, Practice Nurses and Healthcare assistants in a pilot service, delivering training and education in Respiratory care to the Sandwell Health Alliance.

Dr Obaid Farooqui
Clinical Lead – Frail Elderly



Dr Farooqui has been in general practice since 2001 and is a partner at teaching practice in Wednesbury. He is a GP trainer and appraiser. Dr Farooqui completed all his postgraduate training in the West Midlands. He has been trained in elderly care as a Registrar and has ten years experience in secondary care for the elderly. He has a special interest in Diabetes and Respiratory Medicine.



Dr Mark Foulerton
Clinical Lead – Primary Care Development



Dr Mark Foulerton is a graduate of The University of Birmingham and has also completed an MSc in Tropical Medicine and International Health. His early career was in paediatrics at Birmingham Children's Hospital but for the past 6 years he has been working as a GP in the West Midlands. His current practice is in West Bromwich. His professional interests include child and maternal health, telehealth and information technology. He holds posts as Partnerships Lead for Healthworks LCG and Primary Care Development Lead for SWBCCG.

Dr Priyanand Hallan
Clinical Lead – Community Nursing



Dr Priyanand Hallan was born in the Sandwell area and is now a sole practitioner at Park House Surgery, Great Barr. He studied at the University of Manchester and graduated in 1997. Through his role as LCG Board member has been working closely with Sandwell Health Alliance LCG board members to develop the commissioning strategy for the locality. Dr Hallan is a Governing Body Member of the CCG.

Dr Nick Harding
Clinical Lead – WMAS and Stroke



Nick qualified in medicine from Birmingham University in 1994. In 1999 he joined as a partner at Handsworth Wood Medical Centre. Involved in medical education since 2001, he was appointed as a trainer within the West Midlands Deanery. He has since taken on a national role for the Royal College of General Practitioners since 2003 as an examiner and trainer of other examiners.

In 2003 he was appointed as the Prescribing lead for Heart of Birmingham tPCT and then in 2008 was appointed as a Clinical Director of Commissioning. He now chairs HealthWorks LCG and has been appointed Chair of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG



Dr Gwyn Harris
Clinical Lead – Medicines Management



Dr Gwyn Harris qualified from Birmingham University in 1990 and trained as a G.P. at Selly Oak Hospital. After 2 years working in Africa he joined Laurie Pike Health Centre in 1995. Since then he has been a Macmillan Facilitator for Palliative Care and an honorary senior clinical lecturer at the University of Birmingham. Currently he is a G.P. trainer and prescribing lead for the Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group. Clinical interests include diabetes, palliative care and substance misuse.

Dr Nisar Haque
Clinical Lead – Dementia and Mental Health



Dr Nisar Haque graduated in 1970 from Sind University, Pakistan. He moved to the UK and gained a Diploma in Chest Diseases in Cardiff and Tropical Medicine in Liverpool. In 1985 he became a member of MRSH. In 1998 and 1999 he received a Who is Who award in Cambridge. Dr Haque was the Lead for the Local Commissioning Group SHAC. In 2010 he was the Chair of Practice Based Commission for Development and has been the Clinical Lead for Dementia and Mental Health since 2012.

Dr Fatema Hirani
Clinical Lead – Maternity



Dr Fatema Hirani qualified in medicine from Birmingham University in 2005 and continued training in Birmingham and the Black Country. In 2011 she completed her vocational training in Sandwell and subsequently joined the Village Medical Centre as a sessional G.P. where she currently practices. Fatema has an interest in women's health and is maternal health clinical lead for the CCG.



Dr Inderjit Marok
Clinical Lead – Information Technology (Governing Body Level)



Dr Inderjit Marok was born in India and qualified as a Pharmacist in 1978; he is lead partner at Rotton Park Medical Centre. In the last few years he has been a Fund holder, Prison Liaison GP and Deputy Diabetes Lead. Dr Marok was a member of the Professional Executive Committee from 2002 and is now the Locality Clinical Lead for Ladywood. Dr Marok is also the Caldicott Guardian for the CCG.

Dr Rajaiyengar Muralidhar
Clinical Lead – Clinical Haematology



Dr Rajaiyengar Muralidhar qualified in 1976 from Bangalore in India. Moved to the UK in 1980 and obtained FRCS in 1985. He has had extensive surgical training. In 1990 he joined as a GP Partner at Newtown Health Centre, which is a large inner city Birmingham training practice. He continued to work as a hospital practitioner in surgery. He was the first Cancer and End of Life Care Lead for HOB tPCT and has been an Extended Minor Surgery provider for the last 6 years. He was elected to the Board of ICOF LCG in 2012.

Dr Pauline Naughton
Clinical Lead – Learning Disabilities



Dr Pauline Naughton trained at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and qualified in 1981. Dr Naughton was a GP in Oldbury for 7 years but has recently left this practice to pursue her work in Primary Care Mental Health, but she still maintains General Practice work in Tipton. She is the Clinical Governance Lead for the Esteem Team of Counsellors since 2011 and the Clinical Governance of the new Wellbeing team of the CCG.



Dr Sonal Nicum
Clinical Lead – Research and Development



Dr Sonal Nicum qualified from the University of Birmingham in 2006. She completed her general practice training in the West Midlands. She also undertook a part time academic GP registrar job, and completed a Masters of Science (Clinical Primary and Community Care) in 2012 based at the University of Birmingham. She currently works as a salaried GP at Laurie Pike Health Centre.

Dr Niti Pall
Clinical Lead – Business Intelligence



Dr Niti Pall is a board member of the International Diabetes Federation. Dr Pall is on the NHS Alliance executive board and was a trustee of Diabetes UK for 7 years. She was an Associate Director of Primary Care at the Department of Health UK, and is currently a member of the Futures Forum which advises the Department and the Secretary for State for Health on health policy. Dr Pall is the Chair and MD of Pathfinder Health India and Chair of Sandwell LMC. Dr Pall is also a SWB CCG Governing Body Member.

Dr Mohan Singh Saini
Clinical Lead – Pathology



Dr Mohan Singh Saini trained in India in the prestigious Armed Forces Medical College qualifying in 1971 before leaving to become a General Practitioner in the UK. He has been on the GP register since and specialises in joint injections and diseases of the eye.



Dr Arun Saini
Clinical Lead – Dementia



Dr Arun Saini was born in West Bromwich, moving to Walsall for secondary education. He studied at the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague. He is a GP Principal at Tividale Family Practice, Oldbury. This is a 2 doctor practice. He is a Sandwell LMC member.

Dr Saini's interests include Mental Health, Dementia and Medical Economics.

Arun feels that it is essential to have appropriate Pathology tests available in Primary Care to develop new pathways.

Dr Salman Shahid
Clinical Lead – Diabetes



Dr Shahid did his MBBS in 2002 Lahore, Pakistan, followed by his MRCP in the UK in 2007 and MRCPGP 2009 and Masters in Health Sciences (Diabetes Mellitus) at the University of Warwick 009. Dr Shahid has been working at Tower Hill Medical Centre since 2006 and previously as a Diabetologist part of Community Diabetes team from 2009 until 2012.



Dr George Solomon
Cardiology



Dr George Solomon is a GP at the Black Country Family Practice in Tipton. As well as chairing the Black Country LCG, he is chair of the Strategic Commissioning and Redesign Committee. He has been actively involved in commissioning and has held a post as a non-executive director at the Sandwell Health Authority

Dr Ram Sugavanam
Musculoskeletal

Dr Ian Walton
Clinical Lead – Mental Health



Dr Ian Walton completed his MSc in Mental Health Education in Primary Care in 2013. He has worked as a GP trainer for over 25 years in the Black Country. Dr Walton was the Chair of the Executive Committee at Sandwell Primary Care Trust. Dr Walton co-chairs the Tipton Care Organisation, the largest first wave Primary Medical Services Organisation in the country, and is chair of Prime (Primary Mental Health and Education) which runs RCGP accredited primary care mental health education. Dr Walton is a Board Member of the CCG.

