



RECOGNITION: Dr Laura Heath receives her award from Professor Chris Hawkey, chairman of trustees of Core, left, and Dr Riadh Jazrawi, medical director Dr Falk Pharma UK

Doctor wins award for research

A NEWLY-QUALIFIED doctor has won a prize for her research into treating liver disease.

Dr Laura Heath, of Lutterworth, a doctor at the John Radcliffe Hospital, in Oxford, picked up a Dr Falk Pharma / Core Charity national award.

She was presented with the £2,500 research grant at a ceremony in Manchester, during the British Society of Gastroenterology Conference.

The award was in recognition of her research work at Nuffield Primary Care Health Services, at the University of Ox-

ford, into very low energy diets as a treatment for non-alcoholic, fatty liver disease.

The Dr Falk Pharma UK / Core Awards celebrate and promote patient care in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology.

Dr Heath said: "A third of adults in Britain have some stage of fatty liver disease, often caused by being overweight.

"Too much fat in the liver can irritate it, causing inflammation and scarring.

"I was interested in this pro-

ject due to the significant and increasing prevalence of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in the UK population, on the increasing pressure on general practitioners to diagnose it, but the lack of effective interventions that are available.

"Receiving the grant is a privilege and a great encouragement as I embark on an academic clinical career.

"The support of Core is welcome."

Core is a charity that supports research into conditions of the gut, liver and pancreas.

Pair to help plan health services

Two GPs take leading roles in NHS body

Two GPs will be helping plan health services for patients living in their area.

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Nil Sanganee, 40, a GP in Ashby, and James Ogle, 32, who practices in Hinckley and Bosworth, have been appointed to West Leicestershire clinical commissioning group (CCG), which pays for and plans health services.

Dr Sanganee has been a family doctor for 13 years and is a partner at Castle Medical Group.

He also works as a GP trainer and medical student tutor for the Royal College of General Practitioners.

He will be the CCG's lead for North West Leicestershire for the next two years.

"I've been working with the CCG on two of its committees for some time, but in this new role I hope to offer hands-on

support to practices to improve quality," he said.

"At the end of my two years I would like to see a more robust care environment, providing high-quality care for patients in west Leicestershire."

Dr Ogle has been a GP in Hinckley and Bosworth for two years and is the senior partner at Ratby Surgery.

He said: "I've been working with the CCG on local health care issues for patients in Hinckley and west Leicestershire for the past 18 months through the Hinckley and Bosworth Medical Alliance (a federation of 13 GP practices representing 121,000 patients in West Leicestershire).

"I want to continue the hard work on developing com-

munity and urgent care services and to continue to look at and develop services for our patients in their area."

The doctors replace Liz Hoplewhite, from Whitwick Health Centre, and Nick Willmott, from CastleMead Medical Group, in Hinckley, both of whom are retiring this year.

Professor Mayur Lakhani, a GP in Sileby and chairman of the CCG, thanked the pair for their work.

He said: "With Dr Sanganee's experience in general practice locally, but also in his work with the Royal College of General Practitioners and Dr Ogle's experience in working through the Hinckley and Bosworth Medical Alliance, I'm sure they will both be real assets to the team."

Both GPs will be continuing in their roles in their practices.

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