



## **We are delighted to welcome and introduce our new GP Partner, Dr Jack Hodge!**

I grew up mainly in Sussex, but also before that in Cardiff, North Wales and for 5 years in North Germany as my father worked for the MOD.

Following training as a medical student and junior (resident) doctor in Birmingham, I moved to Barnstaple to take up a training position in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the North Devon District Hospital. It was here I met my now wife who was completing teacher training at a local school. Following completion of that year, I then transferred down to Derriford Hospital, Plymouth where I completed training in A&E and Trauma Surgery. I continued working in emergency medicine and intensive care in New Zealand and Australia, including an 18-month stint as a flying doctor covering most of New Zealand's south island. I moved back to the UK, with my wife and a dog and continued intensive care training at a heart lung transplant unit in west London.

I decided to transfer to GP training when I started a family and have been mainly working in the Urgent Care sector since my completion of training in 2017.

I could not be happier to return to Devon. Nearly all the friends we made when we were here nearly 20 years ago have not left, which I feel says a lot for Devonians and the area.

When not working or parenting my 3 young children, I enjoy playing and watching (though mostly the latter nowadays) rugby and cricket. My local claim to fame is when playing for Barnstaple RFC, my place in the back row was taken by an All Black who happened to be in the area as i was on-call that weekend! I also enjoy winter sports.

My clinical interests are acute illness management and keeping patients out of hospital. I believe that, using technology and training, a lot of the services provided by resident doctors in a distant hospital setting can be provided by a GP locally.