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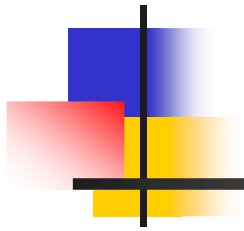
# A fresh Approach



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# Nurses Leading in General Practice



## The Meadowfields Practice Derby

An example of a different way of working

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# The Meadowfields Practice

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- First wave PMS pilot – opened August 1998
- Self-employed, independent nurse contractor
- Nurse as first point of contact for patients
- Opened with 480 patients, now 7300 patients
- 3 FTE senior nurses + 2 part time PNs.
- 2.5 FTE GP
- 2 sites, 1 rural, 1 inner city.
- Considering expansion.
- Strong Patient Participation Group
- Formed Partnership during 7<sup>th</sup> year



# Nine years on - what has the model demonstrated?

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- Nurses undertake care of approx 80% of patients contacting the surgery.
- GPs see patients with significant medical problems, with time to do this/concentrate on significant issues
- Strong team emphasis/sharing of work load including visits, paper work, referrals, follow up and data management.
- Has demonstrated an alternative model that may provide an answer to some problems encountered by PCTs



# Considerations for the development of this concept

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- Locate and develop nurses with leadership potential.
- Encourage nurses with entrepreneurial or enterprise qualities.
- Development of leadership placements within general practice.
- Development of a support network for nurses in leadership positions.
- Use the “Meadowfields model” in appropriate situations.
- Model may address key issues of the Government’s current agenda for the Health Service



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