**Dr Gandy’s Retirement- Message to Patients.**

I will be retiring at the end of April 2016 after working for 35 years in the NHS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the patients and staff for their kindness and support over the past 28 years working as GP.

When I started working in North Shields some of you may remember our surgery was a former freezer shop on Wallsend Road. We have come a long way since then!

In 2015 the Care Quality Commission awarded the practice a rating of “Outstanding” acknowledging the exceptional work of the whole team in providing medical care for our patients.

I know I am leaving a great team behind and I hope their careers are as long and as rewarding as mine has been.

I would love to be able to say Goodbye to all of my patients personally but please forgive me if I am unable to do this.

Dr Sharon Gandy