

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- Your General Practice gets paid £73 a year for looking after you: less than pet insurance.
- Not all GP Practices in the Country provide the services we do here in Somerset since many of these jobs are not in our contract. You may be surprised which services these are). Here are a few examples:

Taking blood

ECGS (heart traces)

Taking cervical smears

- The average patient sees their GP 8 times a year but the money's the same however many times you visit.
- There were 340 million GP consultations last year, up from 300 million 5 years ago.
- There were only 22 million visits to A&E.
- General practices do 90% of the work in the NHS on 7.4% of the budget.
- 10 years ago it was 10% of the budget.
- Your GP is being asked to do more and more work for hospitals because they are under pressure too.
- Successive governments have given us more paperwork so less time to spend with patients.
- Our hours aren't 9-5 but 8.00-6.30 and most of us come in early and stay late.
- 6 out of 10 GPs are planning to retire before they are 65 and 1 in 4 is already over 50.
- Not surprisingly fewer young doctors want to be GPs.

SO...

If you read in the newspapers that we only want extra money for ourselves please don't believe it. All we want is more time and less interference so that we can get on with what we have been trained to do, to help you and your families **get well, keep well and stay well.**