

## **How to Register with a New Doctor and Dentist**

When you move to a new area there are so many things to remember to do and to organise. One thing that tends to take a back seat in the whirlwind of a move, is registering with a Doctor or Dentist.

So our top tip is not to wait until you have toothache or you are too ill to register.

### **To Register with a Doctor**

Firstly check with your own Doctor, even if you are now out of his/her catchment area they may still be willing to keep you on as a patient.

To find your local surgeries you can get a list from the local library, Citizens Advice Bureaux or Thanet District Council.

Once you have found a local surgery go and ask them to register you. You will need to give them details of your previous Doctor so they can get your medical history.

If you have problems registering with a new practice your local Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) can assign you to a local GP.

However to be assigned you must have tried unsuccessfully to register with at least 3 practices in your area.

### **Numbers**

#### **Libraries**

Ramsgate 01843 593532

Broadstairs 01843 862994

Margate 01843 223626

Westgate 01843 831017

#### **PALS**

0800 783997

#### **Thanet District Council**

01843 577000

#### **Citizens Advice Bureaux**

01843 225973

### **To Register with a Dentist**

Access to NHS Dentists is a national problem, but in Thanet the local MP has arranged with the Department Of Health for a Dental Support Team to help the local Primary Care Trust to recruit new Dentists.

The local Primary Care Trust has promised they will ensure that NHS Dentists are available throughout East Kent.

If you want to register with a Dentist or you need emergency treatment then call –  
01843 855460