

DNA rate could have been even lower (i.e. 1.3%). Letters were sent to those who required the second vaccine at their GP surgery.

### Service user evaluation

A random sample of 100 girls who attended the clinic was asked to complete a questionnaire about the service provision of vaccination within the College. All the respondents (100%) felt that the clinic was a good idea; 100% found it much easier to attend than at their own GP surgery, and only 10% reported receiving a letter from their own registered surgery. When asked whether an appointment would eventually have been made by the client at a GP surgery, 58% answered 'No' or 'Don't know'.

### Concluding remarks

Our study shows that taking a service to young people can be very successful if it is perceived to be useful by the target audience. The students in such a 'hotspot' of activities were very receptive and grateful for such a service to have been brought to them in a user-friendly and accessible way. In general the students attended on time,

apologised if appointments were missed, and thanked the team for providing the vaccinations. Needle-phobic girls were treated sensitively and received their vaccines without delay, a scenario that was universally accepted by others waiting in the queue.

One student commented that her friends of the same age could not access the vaccine easily as they were at school. Such an inequality of health care provision amongst young people could be resolved by setting up a clinic such as the one described here in secondary schools or other educational establishments.

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## OBITUARY

### Dr Judith Anne Murty

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Dr Judy Murty, former Senior Clinical Medical Officer, Leeds Contraception & Sexual Health service, died on 28 August 2009 in St Leonard's Hospice, York, after a 2-year battle with carcinoma of the colon.

Judy was born in 1949, in Cornwall, the daughter of a vet. She then grew up in Crediton, Devon, and after attending school locally studied Medicine at Manchester University, qualifying in 1973.

In 1974 she married Keith, an RAF officer, and they moved to Scotland where she obtained her DRCOG. As a service wife, there were frequent moves, and consequently Judy worked in her chosen field of "family planning" in many different places including Fife, Gwynedd and Lincolnshire, before settling in Yorkshire in 1987.

Judy was a founder member of the Faculty of Family Planning and one of the first to be awarded a Fellowship. In 2003, following appeal, she was one of a few Faculty members accepted onto the specialist register. Her contributions to the specialty were considerable, both nationally and locally. She was Joint Deanery Advisor for Yorkshire 2000–2006, an examiner for MFFP and a member of the Higher Training Committee. She also served as the Faculty website manager and had many publications to her name.

Judy was a great believer in the power of clinical audit to influence managers and improve patient care. She initiated and ran a highly effective audit programme in Leeds years before it became standard practice. She became the Clinical Director of the Faculty's National Co-ordinating Unit for Clinical Audit in 1994.

A member of the Expert Witness Institute, Judy was keen to extend her knowledge, and in 2003 she achieved a Masters in Medical Ethics and the Law.

Judy was much in demand as a highly respected speaker and trainer. She was also an extremely dedicated and caring doctor: a strong advocate for her frequently challenging patients. They were known to follow her round between clinics to make sure they saw her.

As a skilled needlewoman, early retirement in 2006 gave her more time to devote to her embroidery and doll making. She soon became Secretary of the Local Embroiderers Guild and was Chair-elect at the time of her death. Some photographs of Judy's work can be seen at [http://www.yorkdollybirds.co.uk/judy\\_murty.htm](http://www.yorkdollybirds.co.uk/judy_murty.htm).

Judy was an immensely positive person, whose energy and enthusiasm for everything she did was infectious. Many of us have cause to remember her with great gratitude and affection. Judy is survived by her husband, daughter and son.

A 'Justgiving' web page has been set up for donations to the hospice in her memory at <http://www.justgiving.com/JudyMurty/>.

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