## **Consultant Focus**

## Professor Tahir recognised for rheumatology research

Professor Hasan Tahir has recently joined Spire Bushey. He is a consultant physician in rheumatology and acute medicine.

As a UK lead research recruiter to clinical trials, Prof Tahir is able to offer patients access to a wide range of medications and therapies that may not otherwise be possible.



He has recently been awarded two prestigious awards by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)\* for his determination shown in giving patients access to clinical trials.

One of the awards, 'NIHR @ 10', recognised his special contribution to research and was only awarded to five clinicians in the country.

Prof Tahir explained: "It's important to give patients a choice of how they're treated. My work means that my patients are often among the first in the country to be treated using the latest medications. All my patients are welcome to either be treated using approved medications, or to take part in research. I find that many people like to support the development of therapies that will help future generations, and I'm very grateful to them." Prof Tahir continued: "I am excited about continuing to contribute to the global development of new therapies in rheumatology."

Testament to his success in research, The British Society for Rheumatology have also recently awarded him a Best Practice 2016 award in Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal health. His work in inflammatory back pain was highly commended and won the award of best emerging practice.

Professor Tahir has a weekly clinic at Bushey for his private practice.