

TOPCLIFFE SURGERY

THIRSK AND RIPON AREA GP

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026

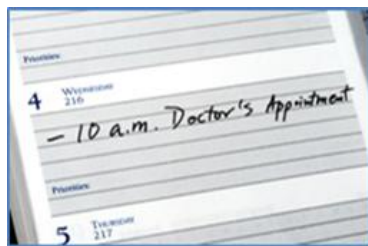
COVID-19 VACCINE:

The Surgery will be offering COVID-19 spring booster vaccinations shortly. Patients eligible for the vaccine are:

- All those 75 years of age and over
- All individuals aged 16 years to 74 years with immunodeficiency - underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality



The surgery will contact eligible patients to invite them to book an appointment in due course. There is no need for patients to contact the surgery.



MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

In January 2026 Topcliffe Surgery offered **1939** clinical appointments

68 of these appointments were missed (The Patient DID NOT ATTEND)

This amounts to **2318 mins** or **38 hours & 38 mins** of clinical time

If patients are not able to make their appointment, they are asked to let the surgery know in plenty of time so their appointment can be reused by another patient.

TOTAL PATIENT NUMBERS:



As of 11th February 2026, The Surgery had a total of **4355** patients. There were **44** new registrations in the last month and **34** deductions of patients who moved away from the area.

Over the last year there has been an increase in practice population size of around 11%

NEW HANDRAIL:

A second handrail is due to be fitted on our staircase this month. We have been aware for some time that some patients find scaling the stairs to the first floor challenging, and whilst we will see patients downstairs wherever possible, the increase in practice numbers and staff levels have meant that room availability cannot always be guaranteed. It is hoped that having a second handrail will help to alleviate any potential congestion.





TOPCLIFFE SURGERY STAFF CHANGES:

Dr Alice Kyne has now been with the Surgery for three months. She has already enjoyed meeting many of our patients and looks forward to getting to know more over the coming months.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to our dispenser, Kelly, who is moving away from the area with her family. We wish her every success in her new home and with her new job. She will be leaving towards the end of this month.

In the meantime, we will soon welcome a new member of staff to our Dispensary team. Janet (Jan) will be joining us on a full-time basis at the beginning of April. We look forward to her joining us and hope she will enjoy working here at Topcliffe Surgery.

TOPCLIFFE SURGERY ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

Climate change and biodiversity loss are changing our world. We all need to act now to ensure better health for us and our patients tomorrow.

We continue on our journey towards a low carbon, sustainable way of living and completed the Green Impact for Health Toolkit for the second year.

Whilst we achieved a Bronze Award in 2024, we are delighted to announce that in 2025 we have been awarded a Silver Award.

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ATTIC SPRING CLEAN!

Over the last few weeks, we have been having a good clear out.

- Far more of our work is now recorded electronically rather than on paper. As a result, we have been able to donate surplus empty files to Thirsk School sixth formers
- As systems have changed we were able to donate surplus supplies to another local surgery to prevent/reduce waste
- We have disposed of old equipment and recycled empty boxes
- We have removed and recycled confidential paperwork according to General Data Protection Regulations via our confidential waste services provider



Time for a well deserved cup of tea!