

TOPCLIFFE SURGERY

THIRSK AND RIPON AREA GP

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026

AUTUMN FLU / COVID VACCINATION CAMPAIGN: WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?

We are holding our regular flu and Covid vaccination clinics in October.

Patients over 75 or immunocompromised will be eligible for the covid vaccination.

Flu clinics for children will be held from September.

We hope that you will support the practice by having your vaccinations here at the surgery.

Invites are being sent out for the clinics, or alternatively, please contact us for an appointment.



MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

In August 2026 Topcliffe Surgery offered 1763 clinical appointments

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

This amounts to 1425 mins or 23 hours & 45 mins of clinical time

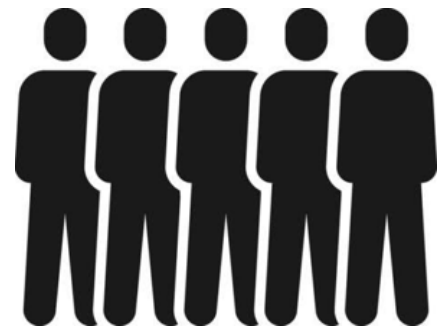
If patients are not able to make their appointment, they are asked to let the surgery know in plenty of time so their appointment can be reused by another patient.



TOTAL PATIENT NUMBERS:

As of 1st September 2026, The Surgery had a total of 4457 patients
There were 54 new registrations in August and 27 deductions of patients who moved away from the area.

Over the last 6 months there has been an increase in practice population size of 2.5%



TOPCLIFFE SURGERY STAFF CHANGES:



Sadly, we said goodbye to our dispenser, Tracy, who retired at the end of May. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

In the meantime, we welcome a returning member of staff to our team. Michelle joined the Dispensary team in April. Many patients will already have met her at the dispensary window, and we hope she will enjoy working here at Topcliffe Surgery.

TOPCLIFFE SURGERY SUPPORTS GP COLLECTIVE ACTION:

Patient care is our priority despite taking action

GPs in England

GPs are taking action to:

- ✓ Carry on being your family doctor
- ✓ Provide safe care
- ✓ Offer services the community needs
- ✓ Secure patient confidentiality: Ensuring you have control over who sees your medical record
- ✓ Referring you for specialist care when needed

You can still:

- ✓ Book appointments
- ✓ Contact your GP practice
- ✓ Get medical advice and treatment
- ✓ Receive urgent care
- ✓ Be referred for specialist care when clinically needed

The clock is ticking on GP care.



Over
1,400
practices gone
since 2015

1 GP per
2,200
patients

1.5 million
appointments
every working day

We are working at dangerous levels.
We are fighting for the resources to see you safely.

Sign the petition, support
your GP in taking action to
protect your practice.



A big 'Thank You' to all who respond to our Friends & Family Test questionnaire

Friends and Family Test Responses Summary

Showing responses from 01/04/2026 up to 30/06/2026

Question:	Very good:	Good:	Neither good nor poor:	Poor:	Very poor:	Don't know:
Thinking about our GP practice, overall, how was your experience of our service?	438	28	3	0	2	0

Question:	Handwritten:	Telephone call:	Tablet/kiosk:	SMS/text message:	Smart phone app or online:	Other:
Which collection method was used to collect the response?	0	0	0	0	471	0