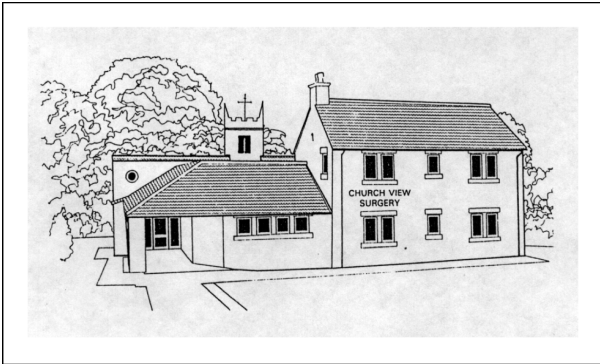


# COLLINGHAM CHURCH VIEW SURGERY AND THORNER SURGERY NEWSLETTER

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Drs Toogood, Hance ,Eyre, Trigg & Fearnley



those suffering with this particularly difficult medical condition.

They have set up a 'Just Giving' page for anyone who would like to sponsor them. Please see the practice website for more information on how to donate or simply scan the QR code below. There is also a donation box in reception.

Thank you for your support.



## Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome back **Mrs Joanne Robinson** as our new practice manager.

Joanne previously worked for us as assistant practice manager so she is already very familiar with the practice, patients and staff. Joanne has a wealth of experience within the NHS and other GP practices and we are excited to have her on the team here.

Our previous practice manager, **Mrs Jane Foster**, has left the practice after nearly 10 years with us. She will be very much missed by staff and patients alike. We wish her the very best of luck with her future endeavours.

## Collingham Doctors Marathon Fundraising



Doctors Shrimpton, Trigg and Eyre are all running the Leeds Marathon on 12th May in order to raise money for the Rob Burrow Motor Neurone Disease Charity.

As you will know Rob is a Leeds Rhinos rugby legend who was diagnosed with

Motor Neurone Disease in 2019. He is raising money to open a Care Centre in Leeds for

## 28 Day Prescribing Policy

At Collingham Church View Surgery we operate with a repeat prescribing interval duration of 28 days for medication with only a few exceptions e.g the contraceptive pill. This is in line with NHS guidance and makes the best possible balance between patient convenience, good medical practice and minimal drug wastage. If you do have to pay prescription charges then it may be beneficial for you to buy an NHS Prescription Prepayment Certificate- <https://www.nhs.uk/help-nhs-prescriptions-costs> For further information please see the practice website.

## Hospital Expedite Letters

We have been inundated, in recent months, with requests for hospital expedite letters as millions of outpatient appointments and treatments have been delayed in NHS hospitals during the pandemic. When patients contact the hospital, they are often told to ask their GP for an 'expedite letter'. This is frustrating for you and for us and we cannot guarantee that this

will result in your appointment being brought forward at all.

If your appointment has been delayed, please contact your hospital consultant's secretary for any updates. If you are waiting for your first appointment with a consultant and have not heard for a long time, please contact the hospital's outpatient booking office through the hospital switchboard in the first instance and then the hospital secretary. For further information please see our website.

## Foodbank



Foodbank's rely on the support of their local community to help people in crisis. We now have a collection box at reception for Wetherby Food Bank donations. Non-perishable, in date food can be donated e.g tins, pasta, tea, coffee, UHT milk, long life fruit juice.

## Veteran Friendly Accreditation

We are happy to announce that Collingham Church view Surgery has received Veteran Friendly Accreditation from The Royal College of General Practitioners. This means we now have specialist knowledge of military-related health conditions and veteran-specific health services. A veteran is defined as 'anyone who has served one day in the British Armed Forces'. In the U.K. this is around 2.4million people. Every year 18,000 people leave the military and return to civilian life. This includes 2500 people who leave on medical grounds.

**The Armed Forces Covenant** is a promise that together, we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and their families should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives.

## In the NHS this means that:

- Veterans and their families must not be disadvantaged when accessing standard NHS services.
- Veterans should be prioritised for specialist treatment and care if an injury or health condition results from their service.
- Veterans family members must keep their places on NHS waiting lists if they move due to redeployment.



#VeteranFriendlyGP



**Please let us know if you are an Armed Forces veteran so we can update your medical records and make sure that we can offer the specialist care you might need.**

## The Patient Participation Group

The Collingham Church View Surgery Patient Participation Group is currently recruiting members to join the panel. Face to face members and members joining on a virtual group are invited. The PPG are especially seeking members who are parents with pre-school and school aged children as this group is currently not represented. For more information please e-mail the secretary at: [CollinghamSurgery.PPG@outlook.com](mailto:CollinghamSurgery.PPG@outlook.com)

## Contact Us Online

You can now contact the surgery, using our 'Contact us Online' option, on the homepage of our website. This is for non urgent queries only. <https://www.CollinghamSurgery.co.uk>

## Contact Details

Please make sure that we have up to date phone numbers and e-mail addresses for you.