Dr Simon Topham has now reduced his clinical commitment at Wragby surgery to four sessions a week (two days). This has been a hard decision for Dr Topham as he is aware of the number of patients who have chosen him as their preferred doctor over the last few years.

Most patients know that Dr Topham flies a day a week on the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance based at RAF Waddington. He is also the Clinical Director of LIVES (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service) with overall clinical responsibility for about 700 Responders who volunteer to attend emergencies in their own communities on behalf of the ambulance service, looking after the patients until the ambulance arrives.

It is widely reported in the press and media how the East Midlands Ambulance Service that looks after our area sometimes struggles to meet demand. LIVES is one of the ways in which people can receive support at the time of their emergency, and it is recognised that things are going to have to be done differently within Lincolnshire to meet the growing demand on the health services.

Dr Topham is involved through LIVES with the transformational work that is needed to provide a safe and sustainable health service for the people of Lincolnshire as we move forward. He states; "I believe that there is a great opportunity to influence the standard of healthcare for a larger number and wider range of patients in Lincolnshire, but sadly this demands more of my time, and means I have to reduce my time at Wragby surgery by a day a week.

I hope people recognise that being involved with these developments is the best way I can improve provision of healthcare for our patients".

Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a Dispensary Assistant for 12 hours over five days to assist our team of Dispensers. Full training will be given and more information can be obtained from the Practice Manager.

Travel Vaccinations

Please remember that if you are travelling abroad this summer, and you require vaccinations, it is important to make an initial appointment with Nurse Alison as early as possible - at least 6 weeks before you travel - as a second appointment will be required to actually receive the vaccinations.

These vaccines have to be ordered as they are not a stock vaccine. Your second appointment needs to be at least 2 weeks before you travel to allow the vaccines to work.

Some travel vaccines are ordered on a private prescription and these incur a charge over and above the normal prescription charge. This is because not all travel vaccinations are included in the services provided by the NHS.
Appointment Survey

Some of our patients will be aware that our patient support group have recently helped with an appointment survey. The overall results of the survey show that a majority of our patients are happy with the service. However, we will be working with our patient support group to reflect on the results and see if we can do anything to further improve our appointment system.