



Chilcote Care

Dear Patients

It is with deep regret that I must advise you that Chilcote Care will be winding down at the end of this month.

This decision has not been taken lightly. Due to advancing years and ill health it has become necessary to bring 22 years of cooperation with the surgery to an end.

Chilcote Care has been supporting Chilcote Surgery patients for the past 22 years in a number of ways:

- You may have seen volunteers helping us with the running of flu clinics in the autumn making sure that patients know where to go for their flu vaccination.
- Chilcote Care has run a yearly quiz to help to raise funds for the surgery. This has always been a very well attended event due to it being good fun with good refreshments.
- Various cake stalls and raffles have been held in the surgery in the past.
- Thousands of pounds have been raised by Chilcote Care towards additional equipment for the surgery which has been very beneficial for patients. Some of the items donated by Chilcote Care were a doppler (to measure blood flow through arteries and veins), a coagucheck (to measure blood clotting and help with warfarin dosage) and a spirometer (to measure how well your lungs are working).
- Funds raised have also been donated by Chilcote Care towards Christmas events for carers.
- A service which many patients will have greatly appreciated is the transport service to enable them to attend healthcare appointments. At times this has also extended to more individual support such as doing shopping for patients.

The surgery and its patients have been very fortunate to have the support of Chilcote Care over so many years.

There have been many volunteers (all of them patients) who have helped to run or provide the various services. Some of the main contributors on the committee have been Lys, Mary, Sue, Val and Ellen with Rachel responsible for all transport matters whilst continuing to drive and of course John Hart their Chairman.

The surgery owes a huge debt of gratitude to all Chilcote Care volunteers. Although it is the end of an era and we will greatly miss the input of Chilcote Care, it is also good to look back on the difference the group has made to so many. We cannot thank Chilcote Care enough for their support over so many years.

Please note the last day that Chilcote Care will be providing transport is Friday 31 January.