



**Dr Nigel Wells**  
**Clinical Chair of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body welcomed Julie Hastings to the meeting as Lay member for Patient and Public Involvement. Julie has a wealth of experience drawn from across the voluntary sector and we are delighted that she is with us.

The September Governing Body meeting is an opportunity to know where we are at with regards our statutory requirements as a member organisation of GP practices across the Vale of York so as part of this work we discussed the Audit Committee, the Annual Report, our financial position and plan.

This month we also heard:

- A powerful presentation from Gill Barrett who works as a care coordinator for the North locality; this outlined the great work being done for frail patients and those living with and dying with cancer.
- About the role out of the NHS app and discussed ways to help all patients and residents understand the new changes to medication ordering.
- A summary of the work being done to create a 3-5 year plan for the HCV partnership including robust financial planning and forecasts.
- About the pressures in various sectors within the hospital including the fast track 2 week wait referrals and specialities including radiology and gastroenterology.

As ever I leave you with some thoughts from my GB GP colleagues.



**Dr Christopher Stanley**  
**York / Central Locality GP representative**

It was great to hear of the really positive work happening in the North Locality to co-ordinate care for frail patients and those nearing the end of their life. Some of this work is been mirrored in the central locality but there is plenty we can learn from this initiative.

Over the few months I have been a member of the GB the conversations have moved on from the finances to articulating exactly how we can transform care for our local population. This was illustrated by the detailed presentation from the CCG's Assistant Director of Delivery and Performance on the interpretation of the Long Term Plan at a system level, down to what that looks like for our localities. We even took this to a more granular level looking how we could improve the uptake of health checks for those patients living with severe mental ill health.

Simon Bell our Chief Finance Office reminded us that culture change is bottom up when each clinician within the system makes incremental change to improve patient care - if you are in the central locality and doing anything that you think we should know about get in touch.