

Governing Body - 4 April 2019

A review of the meeting by its GP members



Dr Nigel Wells, Clinical Chair of the Governing Body

This GB meeting represents the start of the new financial year and there are many exciting developments happening that signal a change in direction for funding and contractual agreements for primary care.

We incorporated a patient story into our agenda for the first time and this allowed us to view and review the challenges around communications between health and social care sectors and the challenge of transition from child to adult services. The patient story will continue as an agenda item.

This month we also heard:

- That the 2018-19 financial position would finish as expected.
- The aligned incentive contract with York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has helped some areas of work to open up, but the financial impact has landed with the CCG.

- The continued CCG savings and improvement plans have brought financial improvements but the scope for much more savings going forward must be viewed as high risk. We need to be realistic regarding this.
- That 2019-20 will be a year of transition for the CCG to allow alignment with the NHS Long Term Plan.
- About the challenge of eating disorders, patient care and monitoring.
- About the spikes in referrals and possible reasons for this, including non-doctor roles referrals.
- About the significant challenges for 2019-20 with the new funding arrangements with York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

I leave you with some reflections from my GP GB colleagues, (see overleaf).

Venue change for the next Governing Body meeting

The next meeting will take place in the Beddingfield Suite, Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ.

The meeting begins at 9.30am



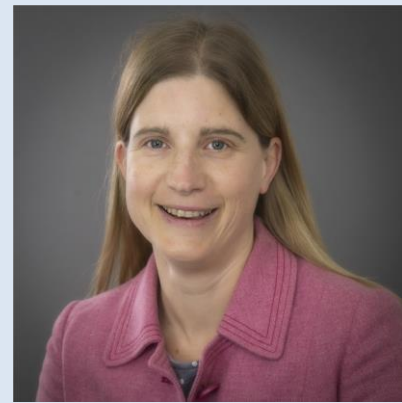
**Dr Helena Ebbs, North Locality
GP representative**

The April governing body meeting was dominated by the end of year financial position and the negotiations, particularly with York Teaching Hospital's funding requirement for 2019-20.

I am extremely concerned about the costs of the acute trust last year and the effect that this has on the local system as a whole. The impact on primary care and other providers in the region will be negative and this goes against the direction of travel for the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan.

We cannot seek to prevent ill health without a redirection of resources to out of hospital care and the transformation of services locally to allow for this is now urgent. This is particularly an issue for patients in the North locality who are relatively lighter users of acute services and have sparser community resources on which to rely.

I was heartened to see the efforts of all parties trying to come together to resolve this. I sincerely hope that the formation of PCNs will give primary care a clearer voice to enable the necessary transformation our system needs.



**Dr Ruth Walker, South locality GP
representative**

Helena and Nigel both mention the dominance of the finance discussions at the April meeting. I echo Helena's very significant concerns about the proportion of next year's allocation going to the acute trust and how this will squeeze the rest of the system, including primary care.

I am concerned that all the great discussion and commitment to improving prevention and health inequalities from the last governing body in March gets lost in acute care provision.

This is a real challenge for us all on the Governing Body but I / we will remain focussed on trying to deliver what our population has told us are their key priorities. These are outlined below in an extract from this year's operational plan.

"People are consistent in what they tell us. The most recent feedback we have received echoes the themes from previous years. People want to be helped to live a healthier life and look after themselves. They want it to be easier to get an appointment with their GP and have asked for improved services for people with mental health conditions. They also said they want us to recognise that different neighbourhoods and communities have different needs and concerns."