

Governing Body: 7 November 2019

**A review of the meeting by its
GP members**



Dr Nigel Wells
Clinical Chair of the Governing Body

This month's GB meeting was a long lively affair and continued the theme of highlighting health inequities and clarifying clinical focus and identifying what we need to do to improve the lives of the population of the Vale of York. This month we heard about:

The Maternity Voices Partnership and the good work they are doing engaging with expectant and new mums.

<https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/yorkdistrictmvp/>

The CQC visit outcome (Requires Improvement) for York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (YTHFT) and how this rating is affecting how they need to fund certain areas in Scarborough Hospital.

Infection control issues within the trust and the learning from these events. There is good collaborative working between the CCG and YTHFT teams on this and this has been helped by the arrival of the new chief nurse at YTHFT, Heather McNair

Referral for Expert Input programme and how this is progressing; there is a target to start this in April 2020. There was a good discussion in the room involving Aaron Brown (Local Medical Committee representative) about how we engage primary care colleagues further in this.

The health checks for patients with severe mental illness and the progress that is being made by practices and PCNs with this.

Safeguarding reporting, and how primary care is involved and impacted and strategies to potentially help this.

The Long Term Plan for Humber Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership and the need for a coordinated and collective plan to be submitted this month.

Emergency department attendances and strategies employed to investigate this

The financial status of the wider YTHFT / CCGs system and current indications are that this is on track for the current year. This is an indication of the power of a fixed envelope of funding for all sectors and a willingness to work together in an open and transparent way.

I leave you with comments for my Governing Body colleagues.



Dr Helena Ebbs
North Locality GP representative

Echoing the comments made by my GP colleagues, the discussion was focussed on quality and opportunities for our health system to improve and modernise. Health inequalities and population health were central to this, including those with severe mental illness, dementia and frailty. This linked to a safeguarding update, especially highlighting vulnerable adults.

The local healthcare system is undergoing a period of transformation, dependent on the collaboration of clinical colleagues in every setting to find new ways of working and new care pathways. We need to support emerging leaders and innovators in primary care to be able to contribute to this work.



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

We had a long but good Governing Body session in public this month. We heard about the important work of the Maternity Voices Partnership in getting views, feedback and ideas from those currently using maternity services across the whole of the CCG patch and I encourage colleagues to get mothers involved.

We discussed the Better Care Fund (BCF) and how in future it is important that Primary Care Networks are involved in the discussion about BCF planning and ensuring equity across our localities/ PCNs.

Concern was raised about the significant increase in 12 hour trolley waits at Scarborough Hospital and the concerns raised by CQC about Scarborough Urgent and Emergency Care. There continues to be a high level of monitoring of this situation.

In the annual Safeguarding Report we discussed "Child Was Not Brought" safeguards and I would urge you to make sure your practices have good processes in place around this matter.

We had a progress report on physical health checks for people with severe mental illness and I was pleased to see that some practices have agreed to engage with the LES. There is upcoming training in December for practices.



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

Nigel has summarised all of the key areas covered in what was a jam packed agenda.

Throughout all of the discussions it was clear our health system operates in a difficult environment but despite these challenges we continue to deliver high quality care with good clinical engagement whilst keeping to the financial plan.

York Hospital face challenges particularly around infection control, ED attendances and workforce - these are mainly concentrated at their Scarborough site. Rapid Expert Input has the potential to improve the quality and efficiency of outpatient services by bringing local clinicians together to design services which serve our patients and dissolve the artificial boundary between primary and secondary care. Its success will be dependent on the engagement between us as expert generalists and specialists within the hospital.

All of this takes place on a backdrop of tight timescales for submitting local and regional plans to NHS England and NHS Improvement for how we intend to deliver the Long Term Plan. Staff within the CCG are working flat out to meet these deadlines, transform services, communicate changes, engage patients and clinicians and keep the day to day running of a complex health system going and I am extremely grateful to them for managing this enormous ask.