

Governing Body: 2 January 2020

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



Dr Nigel Wells
Clinical Chair of the Governing Body

The GB meeting was held on the 2 January and we had a lively discussion that covered a variety of issues. There was a very moving patient story that I know some of you are aware of and we are in full support to get behind pertussis awareness and immunisation. You can read the story about Baby Theo [here](#).

This month we discussed:

- The offer of Arden's software to all practices
- The local health system's response to winter and the push to keep up with flu vaccinations
- Poverty and how this affects health; Lincoln Sargeant spoke clearly about the 8.2 million people who live in deep poverty across the UK. Did we all know that 21% of the UK lives in poverty? These populations will only be helped with radical policy changes across health and social care.
- That the lack of money for those in poverty does not cause someone to be poorly but the indirect influence of poverty does have a marked effect on health.
- That Selby and Scarborough have some of the most deprived wards in the country.
- The recommendations from Lincoln's report and how we as a CCG can help shape radical solutions and policies. I thoroughly recommend that you [read the report](#).
- The initial findings from the Learning Disabilities Mortality review and how we as a clinical community should respond to this.

- The ongoing constraining financial picture across the York system and the pressures being felt to keep on plan.
- Performance issues around endoscopy and gastroscopy and how we can look at this as a clinical community. Our gastroenterology colleagues are attending the next Council of Representatives meeting in February.

I leave you with reflections from my colleagues.



Dr Helena Ebbs
North Locality GP representative

This month's Governing Body meeting maintained a strong clinical focus and population health was discussed in detail. The deprivation in Selby and the rural poverty in Northern Ryedale and South Hambleton, linked with health outcomes were really helpful in understanding where the focus of this CCG area needs to be. Addressing health inequalities and reducing variance in health outcomes needs to be the priority for all of us.

Learning disabilities and severe mental illness were discussed again: the need for action to improve the outcomes of earlier death and morbidity is crucial. We discussed the evidence for change and the need to focus on those with highest need, whatever their background.

For those interested in understanding the public health data in more detail I would highly recommend reading Dr Lincoln Sargeant's report which informed our meeting.



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

This month's Governing Body meeting started with a very sad patient story about the death of four weeks old baby Theo from Pertussis.

Theo's Mum wants to share his story widely as his death was preventable had she had the whooping cough vaccine in pregnancy. Please ensure in your practices that you have robust systems for both coding of pregnancy and ensuring pregnant women are offered and reminded to have the Pertussis vaccine.

Dr Lincoln Sargeant, North Yorkshire County Council's Director of Public Health delivered his Annual Report which highlighted several key areas that included supporting deprived areas by working with local communities and residents, tackling rural poverty and reducing childhood inequalities.

We also heard the Learning Disabilities Mortalities Review Annual Report. Although the numbers are small we appear to have a five year worse average age of death of our LD population versus the national figures. Numbers of completion of the Annual Learning Disability Health Check remain low in the Vale of York and is an area we must seek to improve.



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