

Governing Body: 5 March 2020

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



Dr Nigel Wells
Clinical Chair of the Governing Body

This governing body was the first meeting in public since the publication of the Marmot review. This highlighted the issues around communities living in poverty and the links to poorer health outcomes across our country. We will wait to see if improved health and social care investment and integration can reverse this trend. We must as commissioners continue to invest in under-represented groups and communities.

This month we heard:

- COVID-19 and the local response plans.
- The financial plans for 2020-21 and how we will be viewed as part of a wider aligned North Yorkshire system alongside York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (YTHFT) and the emerging North Yorkshire CCG.
- YTHFT will continue on an aligned contract and will not revert back to the Payment By Results tariff.
- There are issues with some areas of performance with waiting lists being lengthy in some specialities at YTHFT.

- The increased investment within mental health is having a positive impact on performance. This investment will continue over the next three years with the mental health investment standards allowing more recurrent money to flow to mental health.
- About Primary Care Networks (PCN) in the city and the Vale and how they have evolved over the past year. We discussed how we can as a Governing Body support the development of the PCNs, shield them from unnecessary interventions and allow them to become powerful community partnerships.

Later in the day I attended the Humber Coast and Vale (HCV) Cancer Alliance meeting; it was great to hear about all the new initiatives that are coming for the region. This was the first meeting that I have attended in my new, additional role as Clinical lead for the HCV Health and Care Partnership.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the work you are doing to prepare for the changing situation with COVID-19. The CCG website and the RSS will keep linking the most up to date information.

I leave you with reflections from my colleagues.



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

At this governing body meeting we discussed some of the risks escalated from the Quality and Patient Experience Committee. These included Hepatitis B vaccinations for renal dialysis patients and the gap in delivering the vaccinations since the responsibility changed to secondary care.

As a system we need to find a quick and effective solution to this. We also discussed other risks related to the acute provider including 12 hour trolley breaches which are mainly occurring at the Scarborough site, the growing waiting lists for planned care, infection control processes and the risk of ongoing CQC involvement in YTHFT.

We received an update of the work being done by the different PCNs across the Vale of York which highlighted how far they have come in such a short time. It is a priority for the Governing Body to help PCNs thrive and protect them from being overwhelmed with multiple different asks. We discussed how the CCG can help to facilitate this.



**Dr Helena Ebbs
North Locality GP representative**

This month's governing body started with a member of the CCG team, Annette Wardman, describing her role and the kind of innovation that goes on in the background to transform and improve care.

We covered COVID-19 planning and the huge amount of work going into this. I was assured that the CCG is doing its absolute best to support provision of care in the event of widespread COVID-19, despite considerable uncertainty about what the next few weeks will hold.

The financial stability this year was welcome news. There has been a significant QIPP saving this year which reflects the enormous efforts of prescribers, referrers and providers to work more efficiently and effectively. There remains a lot to do. We need to keep clinicians in the centre of change and leadership as we go forward. Our PCNs have made great strides in a very short period. The commitment to support PCNs was reiterated.