

Governing Body: 3 January 2019

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



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

Happy New Year! This is an update from the GB meeting that was held on 3 January 2019 at West Offices in York. During the meeting we heard that:

The CCG was committed to creating clinical networks and conversations; this hopefully can flourish in the upcoming PLT event on 31 January 2019.

Practices welcomed and valued the CCG input with CQC practice visits.

The CQC's review report about the City of York's local system review was pending however initial feedback shows some improvement but more pace needed with partnership working and collaboration.

There is uncertainty around Brexit and how this will impact health services nationally; we discussed messages to come out of the CCG to help practices with patient communication about potential issues including patients wanting to stockpile medication.

There is a review under way of how children and young people access care and support across a range of services including continence, Special school nursing, SEND, wheelchair and transition.

There may be grant funding projects that focus on the mental health of children and young people. We discussed and challenged the prospect of the CCG developing a transformative project and applying for funding.

The financial situation is stable; the wish is for more partnership sign up and working across all sectors so the CCG can invest in prevention in primary care and mental health services.

There were some improvements in some performance parameters but radiology was still highlighted as an issue. York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's (YTHFT) radiology clinicians have been invited to the Council of Representatives meeting in February 2019 to build on clinical conversations about pathways.

There was openness with YTHFT around reporting issues and incidents and this has allowed a greater understanding of the problems faced across the Trust. There was a report about a methotrexate incident and learning from this will be communicated to colleagues.

City of York council has appointed a new Director of Children's Services. The initial collaborative meetings were going well.

Our Quality and Nursing Team colleagues in CCG have developed a training package in nursing homes to support early identification and communication of deterioration of residents. This work won funding from the Health Foundation to support and spread the work throughout other homes. The team has also developed a Quality Impact Assessment tool and the offer is open to primary care colleagues to use this.

I leave you with some thoughts from Helena and Ruth and look forward to seeing you on 31 January 2019 at the first PLT event.

A number of things were encouraging this month, none least the stability in the system and the growing confidence that we collectively have the ability to improve our local health service in tough financial times.

To improve the way decisions are made I think it is crucial that the GP clinical voice is central in the design and innovation of new pathways. There are many ways to give that feedback but one of the simplest is to let Nigel, Ruth or myself know what you think.

Mental health and dementia care were a particular focus of the discussion today as there is much to be done.

What do you feel the strategic direction of mental health in primary care should or could be? Let us know.



Dr Helena Ebbs, North Locality GP representative



Dr Ruth Walker, South locality GP representative

I think Nigel and Helena have covered most of the issues this month and I don't have much to add.

I would however really like to encourage any GP working out there in the central locality to consider joining the Governing Body.

I would be very happy to speak to anyone interested in the position and tell you why I find it such a valuable and satisfying role.

Our next meeting

The next meeting of the Governing Body will take place in public at 9.30am on Thursday 7 March 2019 at West Offices, Station Rise, York.

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