

Item 18

Chair's Report: Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee

Date of Meeting	17 September 2015
Chair	David Booker

Areas of note from the Committee Discussion

This was the first meeting of the Committee and the Chair described the background, composition and role of the Quality and Finance Committee, which had assumed responsibility for Co- Commissioning from NHS England. A number of tabled questions from the audience were responded to. Subjects included numbers of Lay Members and quoracy, the need to increase public and patient involvement, improving primary care in care homes, the privatisation of the NHS and an offer from the voluntary sector to collaborate on patient transport.

Areas of escalation

Two changes of practice boundaries were agreed. It was noted that, particularly during the transition of Co-Commissioning with NHS England, the approval of many capital schemes submitted by GP practices were totally dependent upon the CCG having revenue funding to offer. The current financial position was regarded as a challenge, prompting the need for a strategic overview.

Urgent Decisions Required/ Changes to the Forward Plan

A recommendation was made that a proposal for a process to review all financial requests by Practices, together with a summary and status review, be presented to the October Quality and Finance Committee.