

A review of the meeting by its GP members

Dr Nigel Wells Clinical Chair of the Governing Body



This is a summary of what we heard and debated in the Governing Body (GB) meeting. I'd like to get your feedback on this type of report and whether you feel this is welcome and in the correct format. Our aim over the next six months is to secure communication into the GB via the locality GB members. **Regards, Nigel.**

This Governing Body meeting we:

- Welcomed Simon Bell as chief finance officer; Simon has come from a CCG in the South West that has gone through contracting changes with their trust and providers.
- Were pleased that Dr Chris Stanley joined the meeting as the LMC rep.
- Debated the flu campaign for staff, patients and welcomed an initiative to vaccinate all housebound patients using the community team.
- Debated and raised issues with radiology capacity and reporting times, IT connectivity with trusts and TEWV, the risk register with children's mental health and the possibility of opening of the list at Unity
- Discussed the rising referral to treatment times and how this needs a response from both the CCG and the trust regarding action; discussed the inevitable financial starting to come in Q3 despite the CCG being in receipt of commissioning sustainability funding funds from an on plan delivery in Q1.
- Explained our frustration at the slow progress of the clinical engagement in AIC and discussed ways to get this started.

In closed sessions and in workshop we discussed and debated the winter crisis and plan and the outpatient pressures that are emerging.

The minutes of the meeting will be published within the next two weeks. Below are observations from Helena, Ruth and Chris who were at the meeting.

"I was impressed that the feedback and complaints/risks raised to the CCG from GPs was raised at governing body e.g. the radiology reporting delays. This was taken seriously, debated and acted upon as a result of GPs feeding back their concerns. Please keep feeding back concerns in this way as this seems to be an effective way to get things improved."

Dr Helena Ebbs, North Locality GP rep

"As in previous GB meetings mental health continues to be a priority concern. Increased funding is going into CAMHS and we will need to ensure that we see clear positive outcomes from this investment. Others areas raised have been concerns about IAPT wait, Adult MH services and communication from TEWV and I will follow these up. I would like to Echo Helena's message about feeding back concerns to us as it is important that risks from General Practice are identified. I also encourage people to use the Yor-Insight button on the RSS page to for feedback."

Dr Ruth Walker, South Locality GP rep

"It was good to be able to attend the Governing Body meeting and represent the views of local GPs. The meeting raised some important issues and as 1 of 4 GPs in the meeting it felt genuinely clinically led. I look forward to follow up the discussions on areas such as health checks, improved access and support for local practices."

Dr Chris Stanley LMC rep