

Notes from the Somerset GP Board meeting 25th September 2019

Areas for discussion included:

Development of a Provider Umbrella organisation: We reflected on the combined meeting with the GP Board and Clinical Directors the previous evening. At that meeting it was agreed in principle that the Clinical Directors (CDs) should form an Operational Board for Somerset Primary Health. Following comments and feedback from the meeting, an updated proposal will be circulated for discussion amongst the CDs themselves.

Directory of Services: Several Networks already have access to a Directory of Services. There is a question of how these are updated and how they are financed. How are they going to be rolled out to other areas? We are writing to the CCG to clarify this and ensure it links effectively with the 'signposting' training delivered as part of the GP Forward View.

Membership of STP/Fit for my Future Committees: Once again we discussed the most significant workstreams in the wider system where Primary care input was requested, and how to prioritise these given our limited resources.

Primary Care Networks Development: There are multiple offers of support to assist in development of the networks arriving from a variety of sources, which has the potential to cause confusion and duplication. The GP Board will try to coordinate and reply accordingly.

CCG Clinical Leadership Consultation: The Board discussed the CCG consultation document distributed on September 4th which describes new GP roles of Associate Clinical Director and Clinical Lead, as well as a category of 'Parachute GP' to bring in ad-hoc GP support. We discussed how these roles could be filled given the limited numbers of GPs available, how they would relate to the PCNs and other representative bodies, whether they would have the confidence of front line clinicians, and how the roles might evolve in the future. The Board will respond formally to the consultation.