

8 December 2023

For the attention of: All Practice Managers and Senior Partners, Somerset GP practices

Re: General Practice Provider Board (GPPB) Chair and review of GPPB

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to inform you that, after 3 ½ years as GPPB chair, I have stepped down from the role. The current voting members of the Board have subsequently elected Dr Rob Weaver as my replacement.

Rob is a GP Partner at Grove House Surgery in Shepton Mallet. I am certain that Rob will contact you himself in due course, but Rob has had a career long interest in Medical Leadership. He was until recently the Clinical Director (CD) for his PCN, is a Medical Examiner for the RUHBT, and is a constituency member of the LMC Committee. Rob has been a member of the GPPB since its inception, initially as one of nominated CDs but currently as a GP member of the ICB Population Health Management Board. Rob is also the GPPB representative on the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), the joint NHS Somerset and Somerset Council Committee that oversees the strategy for the Somerset Integrated Care System (ICS). I am delighted at Rob's election and have every confidence that he will skillfully progress the further development of the GPPB.

I also wanted to make you aware that the GPPB is currently undergoing a comprehensive review of its future remit and function. The review forms part of our longstanding ambition for the GPPB to be the provider body supporting General Practice, appropriately funded and resourced, and recognized as the General Practice Provider voice within the ICS. The remit of the review is wide-ranging and will encompass the GPPB's membership, Terms of Reference and remit, in addition to its relationship with key stakeholders including SPH, the LMC, the CD Board, and the ICB. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Ruth Taylor who, until recently, was the CEO of One Care, the GP Federation that represents and supports General Practice in Bristol. Ruth helped to establish One Care and the ICB has agreed to fund her time to support us in this work. We anticipate that the review will take 6-9 months to complete and will periodically update you on the progress made. It is likely that the Board will seek a further mandate from you as the providers it represents, once the review is completed and the outcome shared with you.

Thank you for your continued support of the GPPB, and for your personal support during my time as chair.

Kind regards



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