Dear Colleague

**Appointment of GP Advisor and Liaison Lead on the Somerset STP Programme Executive Group**

Following a recruitment process last year, I am delighted to be starting a new role working as a GP Advisor and Liaison Lead on the Somerset STP Programme Executive Group (PEG). This role is being funded for 2 days a week by all 5 organisations working across the STP and provides an exciting opportunity to ensure a strong GP voice within the STP discussions. I will be working hard to be a strong but balanced advocate for primary care, working closely with all Primary care organisations including the LMC, SPH, CCG and Federations across Somerset. The role was advertised as having the following objectives –

* Ability to represent primary care as a provider on the STP PEG
* Play an active role in the weekly PEG meeting of the STP (currently Monday afternoons)
* Take a leadership role in agreed areas of the STP implementation programme
* Act as a representative of primary care and bring this perspective to the development and implementation of STP plans. To advise on how to engage with and influence primary care providers
* Advocate on behalf of the STP in influencing primary care and other stakeholders to adopt new models of care and organisational change in the wider interest of the Somerset population
* Link with all GPs participating in the individual work streams to ensure consistency and understanding of the overall impact and opportunities arising for primary care.

I have been a GP in Somerset since 2002, working during that time as a partner (for 12 years), a salaried GP and an OOH GP. I will be working as a sessional GP and continue OOH work whilst undertaking this post as it gives a good opportunity to work with GPs across the county in different practices. I have several years of leadership and management experience, having been involved in commissioning with the PCT and CCG, and over the last 2 years I was the Managing Director of the South West Academic Health Science Network. I am a Non-Executive Director on the NICE board and will be Vice-Chair of NICE in May 2017.

It would be great to meet as many of you as possible in the next few weeks to discuss the STP and to hear your views. I am keen that there is as much 2-way communication as possible so that as well as representing your views in the STP discussions, you are also kept up to date with STP developments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage with your thoughts or if you would like to arrange to meet – my email address is rosie.benneyworth@nhs.net.

I’m looking forward to working with you all!

Best wishes

Rosie