

Notes from the Somerset GP Board meeting 19th December 2018. The Meadows Surgery, Ilminster.

In addition to the routine Board business and reports from the numerous groups that members attend related to the Strategy Review, the Senior Leadership Group or the various Delivery Boards, we also discussed the following in depth:

Neighbourhoods: Jeremy Martin has been seconded from YDH with a remit from the CCG to help neighbourhood development and has visited most of the neighbourhoods. He gave updates of what was happening and the level of engagement in each patch. He can link with the NAPC/Primary Care Home. Overall there is good progress around the county, and clinical leaders have emerged in several areas. We agreed that he will attend/phone-in to part of each meeting. We heard that there is also some funding potentially available via the Local Workforce Action Board available to support transformation and neighbourhood development.

Transformation Funds: The SGPB and CCG have agreed the allocations for most of this money, although there has been further discussion about the proposal to develop Somerset Primary Health, who we propose are to hold the funding. We agreed that the Transformation Funding (as part of the GP Forward View) is to help practices become more sustainable and build networks where appropriate. We are keen to start projects that help practices as soon as possible and discussed the results from the recent practice survey. We have agreed an initial incentive scheme to enable practices to free up staff to attend local events. We are also in ongoing discussions with the CCG about the use of unspent funding from this financial year, but wary of starting to fund projects needing ongoing further investment if that not forthcoming in the future.

Urgent Treatment Centres: We heard about the development of, and clinical engagement with, the UTC pilot in Bridgwater and how it links with the County UTC development group.

Signposting Training: Martyn Hughes (joining for the whole 3 hours from Scotland) reported that the training has been well-received and take-up by practices has been good.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th January.

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