**Somerset GP Board**

**Notes from the Somerset GP Board meeting 17th July 2019**

We discussed several important meetings from the past few weeks: **Clinical Directors**: There was a meeting arranged by the GP Board and the Primary Care Network (PCN) Clinical Directors to discuss progress and how they could be supported in the early stages of their development. Whilst there was enthusiasm and progress to varying degrees around the county, it was clear that some areas are finding it harder to get established. We are mindful that there will be many outside requests for involvement, and these are being filtered through the LMC office. The main role of the Networks for now is to shore-up Primary Care, and it’s important to recognise that everybody is experiencing the same difficulties.

**Primary Care Provider Umbrella organisation:** There was a second meeting of the at-scale providers including the acute trusts, Symphony Health care Services, SPH and the LMC to discuss the possible structure of an umbrella organisation to represent the voice of Primary Care, and how to involve the Clinical Directors in the new organisational structure. Following discussion at the Board, the proposals will be circulated to the clinical directors for comment.

The need **for training and education** has been highlighted with the inception of PCNs, and we heard from Martyn Hughes who represents the SGPB on the Local Workforce Action Board.

We discussed the use of **Transformation funding** to date and how the remaining monies could be used where Networks had requested funding for early work, or new work might need ‘pump-priming’. We have an update on a list of meetings produced by the CCG for which Primary Care involvement will be important, and the Board will seek to provide representation at these.

Next meeting 21st August 2019