

## **Brief Notes from the GP Board meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

In addition to the normal business of the GP Board, the following items were discussed:

**Primary Care Network development.** The National Association of Primary Care (NAPC) are still commissioned by the CCG to provide support for PCN development, and we heard an update from them about their involvement around the county. They agreed to produce a spreadsheet of activity around the networks before our next meeting.

The Alliance Trust (SomPar and Taunton and Somerset) are arranging an evening for all PCNs within the next few weeks to hear from PCNs what they would like from the Trust and to introduce their new 'Relationship Managers'.

There are also other programmes of support from different agencies (the BMA, Academic Health Sciences Network, amongst others) and inevitably the potential for overlap and confusion.

**Clinical Directors.** All Clinical Directors have indicated their approval to form the 'Operational Board' of Somerset Primary Health, and a date is being sought to get them together to thrash out the details, mindful of the other events they are already attending, and their limited time availability. Whilst it is possible that some Clinical Directors might wish to get involved in wider system working and representation, we recognise that others will wish to concentrate purely on working within their network.

**Directory of Services.** Martyn Hughes provided links to Locality Directories within Somerset. The LMC will publish these on the website.

**Future of the GP Board.** The board discussed the development of the Operational Board and how this might relate to a wider umbrella organisation. There is a call for Primary Care representation on a number of boards and bodies across the wider system, and we have to prioritise how we use our scarce resources, and to ensure that meetings are as far as possible held when GPs can attend, which is not always the case. An example is the Professional Executive Group, an important decision-making body which meets on most Mondays. Whereas the current chairman can usually attend these, it is unlikely that any successor could.