

## **Brief notes from the GP Board Meeting 20.11.2019**

**Primary Care Network Events:** We discussed recent events arranged for the PCNs by the GP Board and others, these included the SouthWest Regional LMCs' event at the racecourse, an evening with Porter Dodson solicitors to discuss legal issues, and this week's meeting with the Taunton and Somerset/SomPar Alliance. All were well attended, and the Alliance evening in particular highlighted different projects and initiatives to foster better working between providers and the PCNs, including plans for First Contact Physiotherapists, Care Home support, assistance with employment for additional professional roles, the 'Relationship Manager' roles, new funding for mental health support in the 4 old localities, and an intriguing project to tackle patients who are very frequent users of NHS services.

**AskmyGP and Clarity TeamNet:** Practices are being invited for wave 2 of the AskmyGP roll-out to practices. Feedback from wave 1 had been mixed with some practices planning to implement the full suite of tools and processes, whilst others just completed the initial analysis though almost all found the exercise useful.

All Somerset practices signed up to Team ClarityNet; initial training was completed in the summer and SPH is exploring various options for further training, possibly in practices. We heard from several practice managers who reported that once set up, it had multiple uses for all members of the practice.

**SPH and Training Hub bids for additional PCN support:** The CCG had recently invited bids from a number of organisations to support PCN development. Ian Creek and Martyn Hughes have collaborated to produce a complementary range of proposals from SPH and the Somerset Primary Care Training Hub respectively based on discussions with the Clinical Directors, and with regard to their PCNs' aspirations, situations and problems. The Board endorsed this proposal

**Primary Care Board Memorandum of Understanding:** We discussed an early draft of an MoU for a proposed Primary Care Board that will replace the existing GP Board, recognising the need to re-jig the structures to incorporate the new 'operational board' and 'executive board' of SPH, in order to best fit with the changing health system around Primary Care.

**Planning for the Future of Practice Management in Somerset:** Recognising the vital importance of strong and resilient practice management (only a practice manager can do what a practice manager does!), the Board considered an outline proposal for how all our primary care organisations could work together to encourage the future development of our practice managers.