

NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board public board meeting

Tuesday 18 July

I attended the WY ICB public board meeting which was held in Batley. All papers can be found [here](#)

As a follow-up to the last meeting there was further concerns raised by Locala community care provider, which I added to from a primary care perspective, that many organisations outside NHS Trusts had not been provided with an uplift in funding to mirror the nationally agreed Agenda for Change 23/24 pay uplift and non-consolidated payment for 22/23. We encouraged the Board to do what it could to raise this issue with government.

The focus subject at this meeting was Community Services. The [discussion paper](#) made a number of recommendations which included to “Endorse the ambition in WY to keep people well, closer to where they live, with the need to support the left shift towards care outside of hospitals and prevention” and to “Recognise the financial position and support the development of case for change to commit, prioritise and refocus resource to community health services.” I underlined this and called for the resources to be made available, and when necessary transferred, in to primary and community services to support the workload shift that so often takes places without the necessary funding and workforce to make the service sustainable.

In light of the required 30% reduction in running costs the ICB is continuing its work to review its overall Operating Model.

The impact on increased waiting times for many patients by the industrial action by junior doctors and later this week by consultants was noted.

The integrated data dashboard that monitors a large number of indicators was reviewed. It includes some appointment date relating to general practice but the national patient survey data used was the 2022 survey, rather than the [National GP Patient Survey 2023](#) results published this week. Future reports will be updated using this information.

The risk register was reviewed and it was noted the highest risks included that Children and Young People’s Mental Health Services and services for both children and adults seeking diagnosis and support with neurodivergent issues do not have the capacity to meet demand. I called for advice to referrers as it’s not fair to patients to be referred to a service that has no realistic capacity to see them and others added that there was a need for a radical change to the way systems and services are provided.

The latest draft of the [Joint Forward Plan](#), which the ICB is required to produce, was approved and will be published shortly.

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