

**Chair's Report**  
**May 2013 Governing Body meeting**

The transition from PCT to CCG has been as seamless as could be hoped with business as usual very much the feeling both within the organisation and externally. The full impact of the separation of specialty commissioning is still unclear with some concerns regarding the financial envelopes and uncertainty as to where and how CCGs will be able to influence the specialist end of shared pathways.

At a special all members council meeting, called to mark the transition, there was a record turnout reflecting the interest and concern around the changes in the NHS and influenced by recent media stories. There were some challenging questions but members left reassured and better informed regarding future working together.

Finishing up last years' business we met all our required financial targets and we have started this year with agreed contracts with all our principal providers and have detailed QIPP plans already in place with the expectation of repeating last years' success in both meeting the financial targets and raising the quality of services.

The main challenge in April was the pressures in accident and emergency services, pressures mirrored across the country but for Lewisham presenting both CCG and the hospital with an urgent need to get back to reaching target performance. Detailed plans have been drawn up to meet this and Lewisham Healthcare Trust assures us this will be met.

In the mean time work continues with our member practices with this year's local incentive scheme, LIS, being agreed and the commissioning elements of the quality and outcomes framework, QOF, also at an advanced stage of development. The expectation is that these will support the CCG strategy and continue to build on practice improvements of last year.

Work has also begun on the community based care strategy which is underpinned by the development of primary care. April also saw the start of the new dietetics service with all practices having access to the new service.

In addition we continue to plan for changes in secondary care with the outcome of the judicial review awaited in June or July.

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