



Press Release

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Board Members Pay Tribute to Lay Member

This week the Governing Body of Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group met in public.

At the start of the meeting the Chair Dr Anne-Marie Houlder paid tribute to Lay Member Howard Stemp who tragically passed away at the weekend after a short illness.

During the course of the meeting various papers were discussed:

- A Memorandum of Understanding between the CCG and GP First
- Options for Integrated Commissioning
- Long Term Conditions Strategy

The Chair also gave a verbal update on areas including giving information on practice visits will give an opportunity for wider engagement.

The Chief Officer Andrew Donald also presented his report verbally and spoke about the winter pressures put on the system and the Secretary of State announcement last month. He commented that the Maternity led review requested by the Secretary of State would be led by NHS England but that the CCG would like this to be carried out as quickly as possible.

Chair Dr Anne-Marie Houlder said: "It was vitally important for us a Board to pay tribute to our Lay Member Howard Stemp. He had only been with us a short time but during his time on the Board he brought good humour and a great deal of experience that we all drew from. He will be sadly missed and I would like, on the Board's behalf, to give our condolences to his family. Our thoughts are with them at this very sad time."

At the end of the meeting a number of questions were asked by the public. To view the agenda and papers please go to the CCG's website at

<http://www.staffordsurroundsccg.nhs.uk/commissioning/meetings/governing-body-meetings/#c370>

The next meeting take places on 15th April, 1pm and 3pm at Beacon International Centre, ST18 0GB.

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