6th October 2017

To all Somerset GPs and Practice Managers

Dear Colleagues

**CCG meeting with practices Wednesday 11th October 7PM Taunton Racecourse**

You should by now have received an invitation to a meeting with Nick Robinson, the new Chief Officer at the CCG, which has been arranged for [7:30pm](x-apple-data-detectors://1) (refreshments [from 7pm](x-apple-data-detectors://2)) [on Wednesday October 11th](x-apple-data-detectors://3) at Taunton Racecourse. This meeting is being hosted by the CCG and as such nothing to do with the LMC or the Somerset GP Board, but it relates to all of us and as such deserves a large audience.

We feel that this will be a landmark meeting and a valuable opportunity to hear from Nick Robinson about his thoughts about the current state of Primary Care in the county and how he feels it might need to develop. This has assumed an even greater sense of urgency and importance following the visit of Simon Stevens and the NHS England team to Somerset this week, when he made it crystal clear that things need to change quickly in the county to address the mounting financial deficit.

We need to hear how the CCG is going to change, how the new alliance between Taunton and Somerset FHT and Somerset Partnership will affect the rest of the healthcare system around the county, the future of the STP and much else besides. It will also be a real opportunity for GPs and Practice Managers to give their views and put their questions to him directly. It's vital that we get a wide cross-section of Primary Care colleagues represented, and would urge you to confirm with Linda Burley at the CCG ([linda.burley1@nhs.net](file:///\\LMC-DC\LMC\My%20Documents\Local%20Medical%20Comittee\Admin\Templates\Letters%202017\linda.burley1@nhs.net)) if you are able to attend.

With best wishes



**Dr Nick Bray**

**Chairman, Somerset LMC**