

*This is a summary of the forms returned to the CCG during and after the call to action session held after the governing body meeting on 28 November 2013. Comments are recorded verbatim.*

**Call to action**

**Having heard the challenges and our local issues and priorities – please record your views**

***What are the key characteristics of the NHS that we must retain for future generations?***

Available everywhere and accessible.  
Generally free of charge.

Health care free at the point of need.

Provided entirely out of public funds transparent and accountable.

New buzz word – candour – transparency

Never forget our roots (NHS roots) and the rights gov of the past had to overcome to ‘create’ a ‘man culture’ – that profit was not to be the criterion of service/care. We are going back to thinking the costs override all other essentials. We have to cherish the NHS, even if it means ‘X’ amount increase in taxes. We share it in common – equally – not based on prices.

The registration of patients with a specific individual doctor – with family grouping.  
In the hope that this will eventually, lead back to a ‘family doctor’ and personal medical attendant.  
Status and undoubted value coming from continuing of medical/health over families.

***What future opportunities should we be looking to seize?***

More aligned with social care and other agencies in local and national government. DWP perhaps.  
Might be some usefulness in private sector.

Progressive social policy which recognises the complementary importance of housing, employment, education and health: improvement in health-care is futile without improvements in all other areas.  
Why is it that when there is now more wealth than ever before there is a policy of cutting back spending on health? Inequality in society is a major issue which is getting progressively worse: provision of health care is unevenly distributed. “The Spirit Level” addresses this issue. It is written by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, two epidemiologists with a half century of experience between them. It should be required reading. Government policy is the major problem.

The will to regain the qualities we have.

Implementation of the 2012 act – this, will be followed through, to give public realisation that those medically qualified are directly responsible are securing integrated services and greatest value now, from the funds available from the public purse i.e. their taxes paid. Able to detail cost of value benefit.

***What needs to change to deliver a sustainable and high quality health system?***

Much more finance. More for health and less for other things.

Needs to be clear whether health is centrally directed or devolved democratically or administered.

The reversal of the concept that commodification and commercial practice has any place within the NHS. The ending of the internal market, introduced by the Thatcher government in the nineteen eighties. This began the fragmentation of the NHS, a relentless process pushed incrementally further by every government since. It is this which is directly responsible for the present crises in health provision. These are crises entirely created by government, and can only be resolved by radical change of policy. CCG should ally itself vigorously with campaigns to achieve this.

The culture – we must realise, health of the nation, essential and has to be paid for through the tax system – equally. Each according his ability to pay, given services according to need.

Dementia – particularly the increase or age related dementia. Establishment of nurses with specialist awareness (similar to the McMillan teams), based in/working from surgeries as district SRNs.

Please hand to a member of staff as you leave. Thank you.