1. NHS Organisations meetings

Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Bodies

Clinical Commissioning Groups were set up by 2012 Health and Social Care Act (a law with NO democratic mandate as it was not in ANY party's 2010 General Election manifesto).

They plan and purchase NHS services for their area. Often including GP services.

To do this they have to follow competitive tendering rules. This means unless they can show that there is only one local organisation that can provide the service they want, they have to put the contract out to competitive tender.



Once they've awarded a contract, they are responsible for making sure that the provider delivers the service properly.

The myth is that because they are a local organisation with GPs on the Governing Body, local Drs knowledge of patients' needs make for better planning, commissioning and overseeing the provision of NHS services for the local population.

In reality they have to follow very tight and strict guidelines from 2 big quangos - NHS Improvement and NHS England. This has increased with the directive to become part of Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships - which are increasingly mutating into Accountable/Integrated Care Systems.

Here's where to find info about your local Clinical Commissioning Group

https://www.england.nhs.uk/ccg-details/

NHS Foundation Trust and Trust Boards

Hospitals, ambulances and many mental health services and community health services are run and provided by NHS Trusts or Foundation Trusts, under contract to Clinical Commissioning Groups.

These Trusts and Foundation Trusts are run by Boards of Directors. Foundation Trusts also have Councils of Elected Governors (see Resource 4, Elected Trust Governors).

Their Board meetings are open to the public and you can ask questions. Agendas and meeting papers are usually uploaded to their websites a week before the meeting.

List of NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts here

https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx

More info about NHS authorities and trusts here

https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/about/Pages/authoritiesandtrusts.aspx



STP/ICS Joint Clinical Committee Collaborative Partnership Board

The 44 Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships in England are non-statutory bodies (ie no legislation exists to govern them). NHS England conjured them up by edict, to redisorganise the NHS into 44 local health and social care systems.

They are now mutating into Accountable Care Systems (rebranded Integrated Care Systems by NHS England to avoid the pesky connotations of the USA's Accountable Care Organisations).

They have set up Joint Clinical Commissioning Committees aka Collaborative Partnership Boards, to plan and commission NHS services for the whole STP area. These Committees/Boards meet in public and you can ask questions - but don't expect a straight or particularly honest answer. You may have to keep asking several times to get the information you're after.

Here is NHS England's March 2018 summary of info about STPs/ICSs. It will list yours, with contact details.

FIND YOUR STP/ICS

Ignore the spin, we're posting the link because it's useful to find links to most STP websites in it.

Good luck!!