

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
NHS North Kirklees Governing Body
held on Wednesday 14 June 2017, 9:00-12:30pm
at Empire House, Meeting Rooms 1&2, Dewsbury

Q1. *The World Health Organisation (WHO) may no longer prescribe Fentanyl patches used for pain relief for cancer patients, do you agree with this decision or can you do anything to reverse it?*

The CCG cannot reverse a WHO decision. Deborah Turner provided assurance that patients have care plans individualised and the patient experiences of patches is quite good. Patients will not be left in pain or without and there are a number of options available for palliative care.

Q2. *Why are they cutting back on providing elderly drugs, as lots of elderly people are denied prescriptions? A patient who has shingles they won't give sleeping tablets.*

There is nothing in the CCG policy to deny prescribing in relation to age, we prescribe with clinical freedom. It is hard to comment on individuals, without the details.

Q3. *When are the pay to park machines at Pinderfields hospital going to be changed to accept new pound coins?*

It was suggested that Wendy ask the Trust about this by sending them the question.

Q4. *When is care for the elderly going to improve?*

The CCG are doing lots of things to improve elderly care with the frailty model, working with care homes and with practices in primary care.

Q5. *How many English nurses are being trained at Pinderfields?*

Deborah Turner advised she will be reporting at the next GB about working with the Trust and University about developing a School of nursing on the Dewsbury site. There is no exact numbers to report at this time.

Q6. *Where is the eye clinic?*

The eye clinic is at Dewsbury but there are also a variety of clinics at Pinderfields. There are also services been delivered by opticians in the community.