



Manchester Partnership Board	
Report of:	Manchester General Practice (GP Board)
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Subject:	Update on the work of Manchester GP Board
Recommendations:	Manchester Partnership Board is asked to note the report.





1.0 Update on the work of General Practice (GP) Board

Manchester GP Board meets on a monthly basis to discuss a range of current and future priorities relevant to primary care. At the meeting in May 2023 the Board focused on the following areas:

- **GM Primary Care Blueprint:** GP Board Members made aware of engagement process for GM Primary Care Blueprint, and asked members to read and contribute to the consultation.
- **Urgent & Emergency Care/Winter Pressures:** Board Members discussed the GM ICB allocation to Manchester and Trafford for winter schemes across primary, secondary, mental health and social care. The bids being prepared for primary care focusing on MARIS, and current evaluation work underway on effectiveness of 2022/3 scheme with Health Innovation Manchester. This will remain a standing item on GP Board agenda.
- **Manchester Partnership Board Priorities:** GP Board discussed the proposed priorities for adults and children, the role of GP Board in the Primary Care Access workstream working as part of Provider Collaborative, and the connection to Making Manchester Fairer.
- **Workforce and Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS):** The Board discussed Manchester's high performance in utilisation of roles and the development of GMMH proposals for the Band 5 Mental Health roles recruitment.

2.0 GP Board Development and future priorities

Since the Manchester Partnership Board last met, GP Board has been implementing the development plan it agreed at the February 2023 meeting. Work that has taken place includes

- Election of GP Board Chair by General Practice members for a further two-year term.
- Establishment of a GP Board Executive Group to provide a smaller working group to drive, organise and co-ordinate the Board's workplan
- Commencing work to strengthen the connection and engagement with practices and two way communication.
- Progression of Declarations of Interest process.

Forthcoming areas of focus over the coming months will include detailed development of





the GP Board lead areas within MPB Delivery Plan Primary Care Access programme; collaborative work with system partners to co-design effective schemes in relation to the GM Locality finance and performance requirements alongside Provider Collaborative; a revised Terms of Reference to align with emerging GM GP Board governance; further Workforce/ARRS development and design of 2023/4 winter schemes.

As part of the management of GP Board the Chair and Executive Group note and reflect the key issues and risks arising from Board discussion which may impact on development of the role and effectiveness of the Board. Currently the key risk to GP Board members being able to operate effectively to support the MPB priorities and delivery plan is the lack of infrastructure and capacity to be able to lead and contribute to priority work areas. Additionally, the 2023/4 GP contract changes and national messaging regarding access to primary care services may lead to a mismatch between available capacity and ability to meet patient expectations despite ongoing intensive work regarding expanded access plans. These areas are subject to ongoing dialogue with system partners.

3.0 Recommendation

Manchester Partnership Board is asked to note the report.

