



Manchester Partnership Board	
Report of:	Manchester GP Board
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Recommendations:	Manchester Partnership Board is asked to note the report.





1. 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 meetings in September / October 2023 the Board focused on the following areas:

- **Primary / Secondary Interface** - update on ongoing work at both Manchester / Trafford and GM levels to make care more efficient and joined up for our local population. A Working Group has been established between MFT Group Medical Directors, Locality Associate Medical Directors, NHS Greater Manchester, LMC, GP Board and MLCO/TLCO. Regular meetings have been arranged to progress work against the 4 identified areas:
 - Onward referral
 - Complete care
 - Call and recall
 - Clear points of contact

Further operational groups will be established to work on individual areas as needed.

- **Urgent & Emergency Care (UEC) / Winter Update** - discussion around the development of the Manchester system UEC / Winter plan and the on-going matter of how to prioritise areas and funding with a limited / oversubscribed allocation. Primary Care has identified three priority areas, included within the system plan, that provide different modes of additional / surge capacity. Previous work shows that these plans can be deployed quickly to support patients, Primary Care and the wider system.
- **NHS GM Quality Scheme Review** – update on progress against the review of locality quality schemes and the intended approach for 2023/24 and 2024/25. This is being led through a Working Group with sub groups reviewing 1. the components of each locality scheme and 2. financial allocations per scheme. Initial baseline information has been collated but needs further review and revision due to the complexities. A template will be shared with all localities to gain further insight and understanding to support further progress.
- **Primary Care Health Infrastructure** - following the update presented at the last MPB, work is progressing to identify and maximise estates opportunities across the City. There was an update on NHS GM Capital Funding that is available in 2023/24 for General Practice including the criteria and how to apply for this to support estate development.
- **Workforce and Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)** – update on the Primary Care Network (PCN) Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) and the great work that is underway to ensure Manchester utilises the





full allocation that is available. Challenges with recruitment, and variation across the city, were identified with a discussion on supporting areas that have more deprived and / or complex communities.

- **Hospital at Home** – update received on a recent Hospital at Home symposium, the current Hospital at Home service and operational work that is underway to ensure the delivery of a high quality and responsive service.
- **Winter Vaccination Programme** – overview of the programme requirements, and assurance provided, in relation to winter vaccination plans and coverage for all eligible cohorts. This will be provided via General Practice, Community Pharmacy and a peripatetic offer.
- **Spirometry** - working is ongoing across the locality and with other NHS GM groups to identify an appropriate funding model for delivery via Primary Care. Further meetings are planned to progress the work. Manchester Provider Collaborative has received an update and is supportive of restarting Spirometry in Primary Care.

2. GP Board Development and future priorities

As part of the management of GP Board, the Chair and the Executive Group note and reflect the key issues and risks arising from Board discussions which may impact on development of the role and effectiveness of the Board.

The GP Board has received an offer of consultancy support via NHS GM to aid GP Board Development. The GP Board is working through the practicalities of this including expectations, how the process will work, capturing a baseline / current position regarding maturity and the desired outcomes.

The current key issues and risks remain and include:

- GP Board members being able to operate effectively to support the delivery of MPB priorities with limited resource. Ongoing work continues to review and maximise the use of Primary Care expertise, resource and capacity to support the delivery of priorities as workplans become clearer.
- Additionally, contract changes, national messaging regarding access to Primary Care services and winter pressures may lead to a mismatch between available capacity and ability to meet patient expectations despite ongoing work to improve access to Primary Care. These areas are subject to ongoing dialogue with system partners.

3. Recommendation

Manchester Partnership Board is asked to note the report.



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