



Manchester Partnership Board

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





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 February 2024 the main items for the Board focused on the following areas:

1. Workforce and Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)

The Board received an update on the projected spend position for Manchester ARRS roles within PCNs, which at 99% has improved year on year. The final year allocations are unlikely to be different from this year.

The Manchester Training Pod has been successful and trained 34 Healthcare Assistants, 91 Nursing Associates, 17 GPN Foundations. The Greater Manchester Training Hub (GMTH) are collaborating with the Prince's Trust to create a pre-employment opportunity for individuals to gain knowledge, skills and experience within the primary care sector while helping to support, and grow the non-clinical workforce, placements required.

2. Measles

The Board received a presentation on the emerging situation with Measles, the system response and the readiness requirements of General Practice. This included:

- An update on the situation in the West Midlands, North West, Greater Manchester and Manchester
- The command and control structure for the system response and GM system priorities:
 - Ensuring the system-wide pathways are in place to enable people to access measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination
 - Providing assurance about immunoglobulin pathways and stock
 - Maximising staff vaccination and occupational health requirements
 - Infection, prevention, and control (IPC) procedures and effective case/contact management
 - Outbreak response plans and capacity
- Current and proposed vaccination offer within Manchester including primary and secondary schools and potential pilots within Community Pharmacy and with specific communities
- The Board as General Practice leaders were asked to discuss and support all Primary Care Networks (PCNs)/GP practices with readiness preparation including GP Workforce vaccination; IPC guidelines inc. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & triage and isolation measures; UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) notification and risk assessment; diagnostic polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test /swabbing; referral pathways; workforce vaccination options & assurance; call and recall capacity





planning; additional clinic capacity at practice and PCN level; vaccine ordering and supply.

3. Primary & Secondary Care Interface

The group received a further update on the developing work across Manchester & Trafford and a request for comments.

4. GP Board Development

Two half day development sessions have been arranged to support the Board with its development, in line with all GP Boards within GM and including GM GP Board. These will take place in March and April.

5. System Board updates

The Board received updates and feedback from the Manchester Partnership Board, Provider Collaborative, GM GP Board, Manchester Strategy & Planning Board and Population Health Management Group and the Manchester Health & Wellbeing Board.

Recommendation

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