



## Manchester Partnership Board

<b>Report of:</b>	Katy Calvin-Thomas, Chief Executive, MLCO On behalf of Julia Bridgewater, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, MFT & Cllr. Tom Robinson, Executive Member for Executive Member for Healthy Manchester and Social Care (Co-chairs, MLCO Accountability Board).
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<b>Item number:</b>	8
<b>Subject:</b>	MLCO update – October 2024
<b>Recommendations:</b>	MPB is asked to note the contents of the paper and note that more detailed papers are provided to LCO Accountability Board.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This paper has been written to provide Manchester Partnership Board with an MLCO progress update.
- 1.2 The MLCO Accountability Board met on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September to consider papers that provided updates against core operational delivery and performance, and finance.
- 1.3 As a reminder the MLCO Accountability Board was re-established in June 2023 and is co -chaired by Julia Bridgewater, Deputy Chief Executive, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) and Councillor Tom Robinson, Executive Member for Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care.
- 1.4 The current functionality of LCO Accountability Board and the reporting that surfaces through is subject to review and that work is being led by Darren Banks, MFT Chief Strategy Officer.

## **2. MLCO delivery**

- 2.1 In MLCO's community health services work remains ongoing to reduce the levels of absence which remains higher than the target that has been set. Whilst there are underpinning reasons for this addressing it remains a key priority.
- 2.2 MLCO Accountability Board continues to receive detailed performance packs for both community health and adult social care. The primary focus for LCO continues to be managing excess waits and managing demand. Community waits remain largely static in terms of volume (as per the reported national community sit rep) and LCO continues to pursue an excess wait reduction programme with the focus now being eradicating 52 week waits with a target date of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- 2.3 MLCO activity within community health services is consistently tracking above plan and the number of referrals continues to be in excess of previous year; this would suggest an increase in demand. In addition to this there continue to be a shift in balance of urgent care type of activity versus activity to manage long term conditions with LCO increasingly utilising more of its capacity to manage urgent care type demand.
- 2.4 Timely discharge of patients from hospital to their place of residence through the MLCO Resilient Discharge Programme continues to be a core organisational priority and MLCO continues to work to achieve the 240 no reason to reside target that has been set; achievement of this continues to be subject to detailed and ongoing scrutiny but current performance is off track. MLCO community crisis response teams continue to exceed all performance targets and remain comfortably ahead of national benchmarking thus supporting a significant number of people to avoid an unnecessary hospital admission. The Hospital at Home programme is accepting patients across Manchester albeit work is required to increase the utility of the beds.
- 2.5 Within Adult Social Care reablement performance continues to exceed expectations and has been identified as an exemplar service, evidencing substantive cost avoidance. Demand for adult social care services continues to increase including in home care. This is impacting on the financial position, with significant in year

mitigations in train to offset the demand pressures alongside further cashable savings and cost avoidance work underway for 25/26 and beyond through the next phase of Better Outcomes Better Lives, 'Achieving Better Outcomes Together'.

- 2.6 The MLCO population health management priorities of bowel cancer screening and hypertension continue to be implemented across all neighbourhoods and MLCO INTs continue to support a range of activities across Manchester's neighbourhoods. Population health and addressing health inequalities continues to be one of the core MPB priorities delivered through the LCO.
- 2.8 MLCO faces significant financial challenges with both adult social care and community health services challenged in 24/25 and beyond. Work to address this is the key priority currently.

### **3. Section 75**

- 3.1 MLCO Accountability Board were advised that the section 75 was signed by the delegated signatories of Manchester City Council (MCC) and MFT and will run for 12 months to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 MPB is asked to note the contents of the paper and note that more detailed papers are provided to MLCO Accountability Board.