

Partnership Update



A message from Paul Dennett, chair, Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership



Hello everyone and welcome to the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership stakeholder bulletin. This gives you a snapshot of some of the work that is taking place across Greater Manchester's health and care system.

I chaired the first meeting of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Board on 20 September in shadow format. During the meeting we discussed the terms of reference, membership and agreed that the first formal board meeting would be held on 28 October. The statutory core membership includes representatives from the 10 local authorities and one from NHS Greater Manchester. The intention to establish a wider membership were discussed and will be agreed at the formal meeting.

I was pleased to hear the news that life expectancy in Greater Manchester rose faster than in comparable areas between 2016 and 2019, when the city-region took control of its health and care spending in a 'devolution deal' with government. You can read more on this below. While this is good news for Greater Manchester, I'm very concerned about the status of the anticipated national white paper on health inequalities. This paper, on how we are addressing the 19 year gap in life expectancy between the rich and the poor, is vitally important for our work as an integrated care system. I'm similarly concerned about what I've seen in the national media about potentially dropping a national anti-obesity strategy. I will be following up my concerns on both matters with Greater Manchester colleagues.

Winter is an ongoing priority for us. To help us maintain flow through the system, funding for additional capacity schemes has been made available, with £12 million to increase the number of hospital beds available and a further £13 million to support discharge into the community, extra hospital beds, admissions avoidance schemes, and additional workforce to support flow and discharge. More 999 and NHS 111 service staff are being recruited and there will be better support for patients at home.

I hope you find these bulletins useful. You can also visit the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership website](#) to find out more about the partnership and the work that is happening across the health and care system.

Best wishes

Paul

Academic paper shows narrowing of health inequalities in Greater Manchester

The Lancet Public Health have published a new academic paper which shows that life expectancy in Greater Manchester rose faster than in comparable areas between 2016 and 2019 when the city-region took control of its health and care spending in a 'devolution deal' with Government.

The devolution deal which granted Greater Manchester increased control over a range of public services, including health and social care, has been linked to a positive impact on life expectancy in a study by University of Manchester researchers.

In the short-term, life expectancy remained constant in Greater Manchester but declined in comparable areas in England. In the longer-term, life expectancy increased at a faster rate in Greater Manchester than in the rest of the country.

The Health Foundation funded study also showed the benefits linked to devolution on life expectancy were felt in the most deprived local authorities where there was poorer health, suggesting a narrowing of inequality.

The research shows gains in eight of ten local areas of 0.2 years higher than expected in comparison to trends seen prior to the devolution agreement. The rise was higher for males, and larger in areas with low income. Whilst the gains are small, changes in life expectancy are typically slow to achieve and shaped by a range of factors.

With improvements believed to be in part due to the opportunities of wider partnerships and closer system working across the public and voluntary sector, it is encouraging that Greater Manchester's model has been integral to shaping national integrated care systems, which began nationally in July, and it's work which continues here.

You can read more on our [website](#).

Shadow Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Board

The first meeting of Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Board was held on 20 September.

In shadow format for the first meeting, the board was chaired by GM Deputy Mayor and Greater Manchester Combined authority portfolio holder for health and care Paul Dennett, who is also Salford City Mayor. The shadow board discussed the terms of reference, membership and agreed that the first formal board meeting would be held on Friday 28 October. The statutory core membership includes representatives from the 10 local authorities and one from NHS Greater Manchester. The intention to establish a wider membership were discussed and will be agreed at the formal meeting.

Oversight of the development of the 5-year integrated care partnership strategy is the principle task of the board. Warren Heppollette, chief officer for strategy and innovation (NHS GM) presented the main paper on the development of the strategy. The scope of the strategy is broad and addresses the full range of wider determinants of health including housing, homelessness and employment. In GM we are unique in this being our second system wide 5 year strategy, following on from Taking Charge which was completed in early 2016 following our health and care devolution deal.

The work to develop the strategy is supported by a steering group including place-based leads, clinicians, population health colleagues and others. The strategy is being built using evidence-based data and influences from the public, also recognising and acknowledging plans and strategies that are already underway.

The next meeting on Friday 28 October will be held in public and advertised [here](#).

Greater Manchester flu and covid vaccination campaign coming soon...



Greater Manchester residents are being urged to get their covid and flu vaccinations in the latest campaign which will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

Keep your eyes peeled for the monster characters who will be causing havoc across the localities, reminding the public that these illnesses are in circulation and the best way to protect you and your family is to get vaccinated.

Close to a third of Greater Manchester 65 and overs have had autumn booster

Greater Manchester's Covid-19 vaccine rollout continues at pace, with nearly a third of over 65s in the region having had their Autumn booster.

Since the programme started just four weeks ago, a total of 174,985 Autumn boosters have been delivered. That's 14% of people who are eligible to receive the free jab. This figure includes 138,437 over 65s, which is a 31.6% uptake in people who are eligible.



So far, 247 of 539 care homes in the region have been visited and 179 of these are complete. Colleagues will be revisiting incomplete and yet to be visited homes over coming weeks.

Booking is currently open to people aged 65 and over and to those who are at greater risk of serious illness from Covid-19. Once invited, people can make a booking through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119, [find a convenient local walk-in site](#) or make an appointment with their GP practice if the practice has contacted them directly.

Supporting people living with dementia in Greater Manchester



In June, Dementia United hosted the 'Living well with dementia in Greater Manchester – join us we need each other' event, in partnership with The Alzheimer's Society, people with lived experience of dementia and other partners.

The event aimed to showcase good practice in dementia care and support, reflect on the impact of the pandemic on people affected by dementia and look forward to 'build back better'.

People living with dementia, carers, family members, health and social care staff and a wide range of professionals from across all ten localities attended the event. Speakers included Andy Burnham, Chief Executive of the Alzheimer's Society Kate Lee, along with lived experience members who hosted and co-presented in all the sessions.

You can read more about the event in the [Evaluation report of the Living well in Greater Manchester Dementia Event on 6th June 2022](#). The report contains a detailed evaluation of the event, feedback from people who attended and themes and priorities that emerged from the sessions. The report also outlines key priorities and areas for change along with recommendations over the value of lived experience engagement.

Joy Watson was a speaker at the event and a member of the lived experience steering group. You can [watch Joy's video](#), where she chats with some of the speakers and attendees.

Enhancing access to GP practices

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The national changes brought in by the government regarding enhanced access to primary care networks (PCNs (groups of practices working together to focus local patient care)) began on Saturday 1 October 2022 in Greater Manchester.

The new arrangements aim to improve GP access and reduce variability across the country by putting in place a more standardised offer for patients.

Enhanced access will be delivered by PCNs between 8am - 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9am - 5pm on a Saturday. This means that patients can book routine GP practice appointments outside of usual working hours - meaning people can get an appointment at a time which suits them.

Services include cervical screening, childhood vaccinations and health checks, provided by a member of practice team such as a GP, nurse, health care assistant or pharmacist.

The service also increases capacity so clinicians can see patients who need urgent help quicker.

For patients this will mean an overall increase in access to their GP practice when compared to current provision. However, these changes mean that not all practices have to be open every evening and every weekend, and they are not required to be open on Sundays or bank holidays. PCNs will need to develop services that best reflect local needs. Work is ongoing to look at the need for additional GP practice support on these occasions.

Further information on these national changes can be found on the [NHS England website](https://www.nhs.uk).

Rising to the challenges of winter

NHS Winter planning for 2022/23 is well underway, with this winter set to be as challenging, if not more so than recent years.

The system continues to be under severe pressure due to Covid, high levels of staff vacancies and difficulties discharging patients from hospital.

Funding has been made available to help localities get through winter safely and maintain flow across the system.

£12M in funding will be used to increase the number of hospital beds available.

A further £13.3M will support discharge into the community, extra hospital beds, admissions avoidance schemes, and additional workforce to support flow and discharge.

More 999 and NHS 111 service staff are being recruited and there will be better support for patients at home.

Winter is an ongoing priority for us, and we will share more information over the coming weeks. We will continue to support colleagues and partner organisations at what we know will be an extremely busy time.

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