

**NHS Greater Manchester – Stockport Locality
General Practice Newsletter**

Thursday, 12 October, 2023

To:	All GPs, All PMs, All PNs, relevant NHS GM staff and locality partners
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- 1. ACTION: Online launch of Greater Manchester Primary Care Blueprint – Friday, 20 October**

The online launch of the Primary Care Blueprint, by Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership, takes place on Friday, 20 October. Book your place through [Eventbrite](#). The launch will include an introduction to the two of the nine chapters featured in the Blueprint: Access, Capacity and Demand, and Sustainability.

The remaining chapters of Digital, Estates, Integrated Working in Neighbourhoods, Health Inequalities, Prevention, Workforce, and Quality, improvement and innovation will be covered in subsequent online sessions:

- Tuesday, 7 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 14 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 21 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Join on all or any of these sessions to hear about the deliverables, learn from relevant case studies and provide your feedback for each chapter of the Blueprint. Please reserve the time in your diary. Links to join the sessions will be provided post registration on Eventbrite.

Once all sessions have been delivered, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and next steps will be compiled and circulated.

2. ACTION: Assets to use for UTI prevention and awareness campaign

As part of International Infection Prevention Week, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England (NHSE) are running a joint campaign to raise awareness of Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) prevention, symptom recognition and treatment including advice on how and when to seek help. The campaign starts today, Thursday, 12 October.

It's targeted at:

- Older adults (65 years +) who are at higher risk of the impacts of urinary tract infections
- Paid and unpaid carers

The tool kit can be downloaded from the [Practice Hub](#). There is also a useful UTI symptoms poster which can be downloaded from [Google Drive](#).

Contact: claire.roach@ukhsa.gov.uk

Updates

3. UPDATE: Stockport maxillofacial service (Max Fax) temporarily closed for referrals

The Max Fax service at Stockport NHS Foundation Trust is temporarily closed to all referrals, including 2WW, urgent and routine referrals. Patients should be offered a choice of alternative providers. However, the ENT service remains open, and patients should continue to be referred as normal. The closure is due to be reviewed in early November and we will then provide an update.

Contact: Cath Comley, Senior Project Manager for Cancer and End of Life Care (Stockport), NHS Greater Manchester
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4. UPDATE: Updated information for paediatric phlebotomy requests (attachment)

Please see the attached document with updated instructions regarding paediatric phlebotomy requests moving onto eRS. The changes came into place on Monday, 9 October.

Contact: Pete Laven, Primary Care IT Manager (Stockport), NHS Greater Manchester, 07799 133308 p.laven@nhs.net

5. UPDATE: Summary of current vaccination assets – flu and Covid

For ease – here is a summary of the flu and Covid vaccinations assets currently available.

Updated vaccination assets are attached for your use.

These include:

- An updated GM social pack and accompanying graphics
- A [link](#) to the children's flu packs
- A media release that was issued this week with the aim of increasing uptake amongst pregnant women
- All the NHS GM vaccine toolkits can also be found [here](#).

Lots of new appointments are available across GM so please promote the walk-in opportunities which can be found [here](#)

National materials available:

- Additions this week include targeted toolkits to help communicate the offer to [those who are pregnant](#) or have [learning disability](#).
- All public facing posters, digital screens and social media assets can be downloaded on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) to anyone who registers. Designed resources for the health and social care worker winter vaccinations campaign are also available on [Campaign Resource Centre](#).

COVID-19 and flu autumn/winter 2023 promotional materials can be found on the [campaign resource centre](#).

All translated letters are now available on the [NHS England website](#) alongside translated letters to parents of 2-3 year olds, an easy read letter and a video in British Sign Language.

6. UPDATE: Vaccine Update – September 2023

The September flu special edition of Vaccine Update is now available online -[Vaccine Update: issue 342, September 2023](#). This issue includes:

- flu vaccination for health and social care workers
- children's flu programme
- resources and promotional materials for the winter flu programme
- routine and non-routine vaccine supply

A [PDF version](#) is available to download.

7. UPDATE: Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance - Primary Care Network Bulletin

The October issue of Primary Care Network Bulletin can be read on the [Practice Hub](#).

Upcoming GatewayC education events:

- [Renal, Bladder and Testicular lunchtime webinar](#) with Mr Sotonye Tolofari – Wednesday, 25 October, 1pm -1.30pm
- [Cancer Forum](#) - Tuesday, 21 November, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Contact: Lauren Kelly, Project Support Officer for Early Diagnosis and Primary Care, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, lauren.kelly47@nhs.net

8. UPDATE: TARGET newsletter

The autumn edition of TARGET (Treat Antibiotics Responsibly: Guidance, Education and Tools) newsletter, from the UK Health security Agency, can be read on the [Practice Hub](#). It has the latest news and updates to the toolkit, as well as future events that are being hosted by the team.

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9. UPDATE: The 10-step plan to greener primary care

Primary care is responsible for 25% of the NHS's carbon footprint. Improving primary care practice's sustainability is not only better for the planet but has benefits for patient health and protects future generations.

This is why the [10-step plan to greener primary care](#) has been produced – a starter guide to help teams to reduce their environmental impact. Actions can be delivered in any order, to best suit primary care teams. Ideas, support, and further information is included for every step.

Click [here](#) to access the full 10-step plan, or [watch](#) a short video about the plan.

NHS Greater Manchester was the first Integrated Care System to declare a climate emergency, and in June 2022 published its [Green Plan](#) for 2022–2025, laying out how it will work towards achieving the [national net zero targets](#).

10. UPDATE: Cost of Living support from Stockport Council

Stockport residents are facing more pressure on household budgets due to the increase in the cost of living, food and energy bills. The Cost of Living Team at Stockport Council can help with benefits and debt support, and urgent support in a crisis situation. They have specially trained officers on hand to support and talk through all of the options available.

The types of things they can help with:

- Financial support for rent and other essential items.
- Help finding the right community support.
- Checks on benefit and pension credit entitlement.
- Helping with debt and paying council bills.
- Help being more digital - getting online and staying safe online.
- Help with accessing national cost of living support.

If your patients are struggling with the cost of living, please pass on any information they have relayed to you using the warm referral email col@stockport.gov.uk and the team will call them to discuss the support options. Alternatively, residents can call 0161 474 2140. The line is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm.

For further information contact: Belinda Harman-Craddock, Neighbourhoods Outreach and Prevention Resident Advice and Support, Stockport Council, 07356 107663.

Useful Links

[Stockport GP Practice Hub](#)

[Healthwatch Information Round Up - weekly](#)

