

## NHS Greater Manchester – Stockport Locality

### General Practice Newsletter

Thursday, 5 October, 2023

**To:** All GPs, All PMs, All PNs, relevant NHS GM staff and locality partners

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#### Actions

1. **ACTION:** Do you require printed materials for the 'Flu snot funny' campaign? Urgent response required

NHS GM has provided a toolkit for the 'Flu snot funny' campaign which is all about getting the message out to parents/carers and children about the flu vaccine. It stars two mythical characters – Flo and Faisal the Flu Fighters – who 'shoo the flu away' with their protective shields. The toolkit can be downloaded [here](#) and includes further details of the campaign, an overview of resources and assets, sample copy, key messages, and social media posts. Please help in spreading the campaign messages far and wide.

In addition to the toolkit, NHS GM is providing printed materials for GPs, early settings and other health professionals i.e. health visitors. Each 'Flu snot funny' campaign pack contains the following printed resources:

- Covering letter for practice managers

- A4 posters x three
- Double-sided information postcard x 100
- Reward stickers for children x 100

In order to receive a printed pack, please email [stockportccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:stockportccg.communications@nhs.net) stating a contact name, email address and delivery address **by 12pm, Monday, 9 October**.

We really appreciate your help and support with this important campaign.

## **2. ACTION: New process for requesting paediatric bloods (attachment)**

The request for paediatric bloods will move onto eRS from Monday, 9 October. Therefore the new process will be to upload the blood form via eRS, which is the same way a referral letter is uploaded and the patient will then be able to book into the clinic.

The appointment request will be triaged by an administrative member of the Paediatric team who will ensure that the blood request form is attached. Failure to attach the form will result in the referral being rejected and appointment cancelled.

- This service is available for patients up to and including 12 years of age.
- Patients aged 13 years and older should be able to have bloods performed in the GP surgery and not have to attend the hospital.
- If there are any patients aged 13 -15 where there is a clinical need to attend the hospital for blood tests, then please email the blood request form and the rationale for booking to [paediatric.appointments@stockport.nhs.uk](mailto:paediatric.appointments@stockport.nhs.uk). The appointments team will then process the request.
- If you require fasting bloods then email the request to [paediatric.appointments@stockport.nhs.uk](mailto:paediatric.appointments@stockport.nhs.uk). Please ensure that the blood request form is also attached. The appointments team will book the patient into an early morning slot.

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

## **3. ACTION: Please add to EMIS – Medical Examiner Referral Form (attachment)**

Please add the attached Stockport Medical Examiner referral form to your EMIS system. You will need it as part of the medical examiner process.

The statutory implementation of the medical examiner system for GP practices has been postponed until April, 2024. The Stockport locality is still looking to embed all new processes ahead of the legislation to ensure practices are prepared for the changes when they do come into force.

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#### 4. ACTION: Prescription saving schemes for patients

Practice staff are encouraged to remind their patients about prescription money saving schemes. NHS England is trying to raise awareness of ways to save money on prescriptions, particularly with those living with long-term conditions.

- [A Prescription Prepayment Certificate](#) saves people money if they pay for more than three items in three months, or 11 items in 12 months.
- People on a low income could be entitled for help with costs or free prescriptions through the [low-income scheme](#), depending on their circumstances.

Please remind patients about these schemes, particularly those living with long-term conditions and people living in deprived areas, where data shows people receive significantly more prescription items, than those living in less deprived areas.

### Updates

#### 5. UPDATE: Updated Stockport Black and Grey list

The Stockport Black and Grey list is currently in the process of being updated to align with the Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMM) Red Amber Green (RAG) list. Prescribers are asked to refer to the [GMMM RAG list](#) as well as the Stockport Black and Grey list while the alignment is in progress.

Recent amendments to Stockport Black and Grey list include the following:

- Capsaicin patch (Qutenza®) for licenced indications has been removed from grey list, it is currently listed by GMMM as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.

Note: Capsaicin patch (Qutenza®) for unlicensed indications remains on Stockport Black list and as do not prescribe (DNP) on GMMMG RAG list.

- Cariprazine has been removed from Stockport black list as currently listed by GMMMG as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.
- Epidyolex has been removed from Stockport grey list as currently listed by GMMMG as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.
- Melatonin for licenced indications has been removed from Stockport black list to align with GMMMG.  
Note: all unlicensed Melatonin preparations that do not have a shared care protocol remain on Stockport Black list. Melatonin for the management of jet lag remains on Stockport Black list and as DNP on the GMMMG RAG list
- Nabilone for licenced indications has been removed from Stockport grey list as it is currently listed by GMMMG as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.  
Note that Nabilone for unlicensed indications remains on Stockport black list and as DNP on GMMMG RAG list.
- Pollinex® and Pollinex® Quatro have been removed from Stockport black list as currently listed by GMMMG as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.
- Ulipristal acetate 5mg (Esmya®) has been removed from Stockport black list as currently listed by GMMMG as RED, not for prescribing in primary care.

For further information please see Stockport Black and Grey list on the [Practice Hub](#).

Contact: Medicines Optimisation team, [gmicb-sto.medsopadmin@nhs.net](mailto:gmicb-sto.medsopadmin@nhs.net)

## **6. UPDATE: Mastercall's Community IV Service (attachment)**

Is your patient suitable for community-based intra-venous (IV) therapy, antibiotics or IV fluids? Then Mastercall's Community IV Service can help. Clinic and domiciliary appointments are available every day, from 8am-10pm.

The team of experienced practitioners can complement care at home by providing a number of services. Please see the document on the [Practice Hub](#) for full details.

Contact: [mahe.ivreferrals@nhs.net](mailto:mahe.ivreferrals@nhs.net) or contact Mastercall IV service on 0161 476 9667 and press option 4.

#### **7. UPDATE: GP Lunchtime Education Sessions on Dermatology – Pediatric Dermatology**

The next GM virtual lunchtime skin club education session will be on Wednesday, 18 October, from 12.45pm - 1.30pm. This session will be focusing on paediatric dermatology with a special focus on eczema.

If you would like to present a case study or attend this session, please contact Louise McGarvey in the Service Transformation team at [l.mcgarvey@nhs.net](mailto:l.mcgarvey@nhs.net)

#### **8. UPDATE: Free online event from Locala Sexual Health**

Stockport's Integrated Sexual Health Service Locala, is hosting a free online event for implant and IUC fitters, either those already fitting, or those interested in doing so in the future.

This will be an interactive session with opportunities for discussion and learning from each other.

- Tuesday, 17 October, 1pm - 2.30pm, book via [Eventbrite](#).

#### **9. UPDATE: Who's Who at Your GP practice toolkit**

Phase two of Who's Who at Your GP Practice will be launched later this month. The summer campaign (phase one) was aimed at raising awareness of the new roles supported through ARRS (Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme) that now form part of many general practice teams.

Phase two will be launching in the next few weeks, which will also have an offer of printed assets. Please email Rick Whitehead at the email address below to order copies. Practices can also wait until the phase two toolkit is uploaded to the Practice Hub and you can access them directly.

The Phase one toolkit can still be downloaded from the [Practice Hub](#). It features health professionals from Greater Manchester, working as part of multi-disciplinary teams within practice, explaining their roles and how they can support

patients. The toolkit contains various useful resources including social media graphics along with accompanying messages, visuals for your waiting room display screens and posters.

For more information, please visit [www.gmintegratedcare.org.uk/whoswhoatyourGP](http://www.gmintegratedcare.org.uk/whoswhoatyourGP)

Contact: Rick Whitehead, Social Marketing and Projects Manager (Salford), NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care, [richardwhitehead@nhs.net](mailto:richardwhitehead@nhs.net)

#### **10. UPDATE: MMR eligibility reminder**

Please be reminded that anyone who has not had two doses of the MMR vaccine can ask their GP surgery for a vaccination appointment. MMR vaccine can be given to individuals of any age and should be offered opportunistically and promoted to unvaccinated or partially vaccinated younger adults, particularly those born before 1990.

New GP registration entry into college, university or other higher education institutions, prison or military service also provides an opportunity to check an individual's immunisation history. Those who have not received MMR should be offered appropriate MMR immunisation. [The Green Book page 10](#)

The Green Book, Measles chapter, has further information on vaccine eligibility. [Green Book of Immunisation - Chapter 21 Measles \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Contact: Sarah Turner, Health Protection Service Lead / Nurse Consultant, Health Protection Unit, Public Health, Stockport Council, [sarah.turner@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.turner@nhs.net)

#### **11. UPDATE: The Cardiac Transformation Programme is recruiting**

The Cardiac Transformation Programme is recruiting PPV (Patient and Public Voice) partners. They are looking for enthusiastic individuals, to work with them to:

- Contribute the benefit of your experience as a patient in general practice and / or hospital cardiology services.
- Work on specific projects such as staff and public education
- Attend Board meetings to provide insights from the perspective of a patient / carer
- Work with other PPV partners across 15 Cardiac Networks around England

Please share this link with anyone you think may be interested. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/get-involved/get-involved/opportunities/>. The closing date for applications is Sunday, 5 November.

## **12. UPDATE: MFT update for GPs - service changes (two attachments)**

Please find attached an update from Professor Jane Eddleston, Joint Group Medical Director, Manchester NHS Foundation Trust on the disaggregation of four North Manchester General Hospital services, on Sunday, 1 October.

This update provides details of changes for patients and also, in the case of Rheumatology, where there is a change to how GPs refer. The attached slide pack provides further detail.

### **Useful Links**

[Stockport GP Practice Hub](#)

[Healthwatch Information Round Up - weekly](#)

[Primary Care Guidance from NHS England & Improvement](#)