

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

Thursday, 9 November, 2023

To:	All GPs, All PMs, All PNs, relevant NHS GM staff and locality partners
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- 1. ACTION: Closing date for 2023 General Practice Annual Electronic Self-Declaration**

Practices are reminded that the collection window for the 2023 General Practice Annual Electronic Self-Declaration (eDec) opened on Monday, 23 October, and will close on Tuesday, 5 December.

Please see the attached guidance to assist practice submissions.

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2. ACTION: Last chance to bulk enable patients

NHS England has arranged one final opportunity at the end of November, for EMIS practices to bulk enable patients. Please [register](#) by Wednesday, 15 November.

GP practices are now contractually required to give all patients online access to their new health record entries. More than two thirds of practices provide online prospective record access by default.

3. ACTION: CO4 Flex energy efficiency scheme: warmer homes for vulnerable patients (attachment)

Please read the attached information from NHS Greater Manchester on how to refer patients who could benefit from home energy efficiency improvements. These are fully funded through the national Energy Company Obligation Scheme 4 Flex (ECO4 Flex) scheme.

Practices may receive enquiries from patients with direct requests for referral. There is no ask of practices at this time to proactively identify and contact eligible patients. NHS GM is actively exploring alternatives to reduce the burden on practices.

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Updates

4. UPDATE: PIDMAS (Patient Initiated Digital mutual aid system)

Message from Andrew Tunnicliffe, Associate Director – Elective Care, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

All acute NHS providers have been tasked with going live with PIDMAS (Patient Initiated Digital mutual aid system) and to start contacting patients in cohort 1, inviting them to register their interest for moving provider on the PIDMAS system.

Cohort 1 comprises of:

- patients on an open RTT pathway who have waited >40 weeks
- do not have a new OP appointment or admission date in the next 8 weeks with their existing provider
- and also meet some other pre-set criteria defined by the national team.

Please note that paediatric patients are NOT included in cohort 1.

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust has approximately 2,800 patients identified within cohort 1, however a conservative launch took place last week with an initial 100 of the longest waiting Urology patients within that cohort being contacted. Four of those patients have since registered their interest, on the PIDMAS system, in moving to an alternative provider and these patients are now being progressed through the PIDMAS process.

The ICB will subsequently take all reasonable steps to try and source an alternative provider for those patients. The early data from Trusts suggests a 2% - 4% uptake in terms of patients registering their interest. The Trust now intends to start contacting the remaining full cohort 1 on a phased basis throughout November.

Contact: Karen Moran, Senior Locality Manager Stockport, NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care, k.moran@nhs.net

5. UPDATE: NHS Health Check specifications – survey from Stockport Council

The Public Health team at Stockport Council is carrying out a review of the NHS Health Check specifications, commissioning arrangements and payment structures.

The aim is to have an effective offer for NHS Health Checks across primary care in Stockport. This ensures equity and accessibility for all patients which is appropriately costed and funded for practices.

The team would welcome GP practice involvement in the reviews. They want to understand what is working well, any challenges, and work collaboratively to shape the offer in future. Below is a short survey, if staff who deliver the NHS Health Check could take a moment to complete, <https://forms.office.com/e/3tHxRdmHt3>

If you would like to get involved in the working group, contact laura.murkin@stockport.gov.uk.

6. UPDATE: ‘Vaccinations during pregnancy’ stories for new campaign

The new NHS GM ‘Vaccinations during Pregnancy’ campaign aims reassure pregnant women and those planning pregnancies about the safety and importance of COVID-19, flu, and whooping cough vaccinations. Despite higher risks, pregnant women have lower vaccination rates, a trend being addressing with insights-driven strategies. The approach prioritises empowering women with choice, avoiding scare tactics, and promoting positive, relatable stories.

The warm and informative campaign features stories from eight women in Greater Manchester and emphasises recommendation over instruction. The six week paid digital burst will extend throughout the winter.

It's targeting women aged 18-35, with a special focus on African and Caribbean and South Asian communities, where vaccination rates are lower. Resources are tailored for midwives as they are recognised as trusted voices.

Download resources from [Dropbox](#) or [Google Drive](#) and choose the materials that work best to showcase the different roles in your practice.

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/PregnancyVaccines>

7. UPDATE: GM Cancer Primary Care Network Bulletin

The GM Cancer Primary Care Network Bulletin - November 2023, can be downloaded and read from the [Practice Hub](#). Included this month:

- NHS Galleri
- Wider Rollout of Non-Medical Referrer for Chest X-rays
- Dermatology Event Highlights
- GM Cancer Health Inequalities Newsletter
- DECIDE Training

8. UPDATE: Flu and COVID-19 vaccination programme checklist

NHS England has made a [handy checklist](#) available on FutureNHS for GP practices. It covers a range of things that could be done to help improve the uptake of flu and COVID-19 vaccinations this season. It includes quick links to available posters, digital screens and social media assets.

9. UPDATE: Partnership Update from the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership

You can read the latest edition of Partnership Update from the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership on the [Practice Hub](#).

For those who may be receiving this update for the first time, the aim of this monthly bulletin is to give an overview on the work underway across our health and care system; the progress being made and any key developments.

10. UPDATE: Letter from NHS England re vaccinations and immunisations

[NHS England](#) has published a letter confirming the 2023/24 national vaccinations and immunisations catch-up campaign will focus on measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).

The campaign will run from until March 2024 in two stages:

- Now to March, 2024 - practices to undertake local call and recall for eligible individuals aged 12 months up to and including five years.
- January, 2024, to March, 2024 - practices to support requests for vaccination from eligible individuals aged six years up to and including 25 years.

Details of practice activities to support the campaign are outlined in the letter.

11. UPDATE: October Vaccine Update

The October edition of Vaccine update has been published here - [Vaccine update: issue 343, October 2023](#)

This edition includes:

- new resources
- translated immunisation schedules and QR code quick links poster
- MenACWY leaflets
- Pregnancy Your baby and You leaflets and QR code quick links poster
- details of how to be featured in a new 'How We Did It' article
- autumn and Christmas vaccine ordering details.

12. Webinar with NHS England Primary Care Deputy Director

This national NHS webinar event will provide critical insights into the evolving model of primary care and is particularly relevant for GP practices, primary care teams, and GP trainees. It takes place on Wednesday, 15 November, 7pm - 8pm, on Zoom.

For full details and registration, visit [ELFT website here](#).

13. Webinar Modern General Practice series

As part of the Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care, two new webinars are being run for general practice. They explain what modern general practice is and how to find support to make this change in your practice or PCN. Book using the links below.

[What is a Modern General Practice model?](#) - Wednesday, 15 November, and Tuesday, 23 January, 2024.

[Navigating through Modern General Practice: 'how to' and the GP Improvement Programme](#) - Tuesday, 5 December and Wednesday, 6 March, 2024.

Visit [FutureNHS](#) for more information and guides.

Useful Links

[Stockport GP Practice Hub](#)

[Healthwatch Information Round Up - weekly](#)

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