

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

Thursday, 30 November, 2023

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

Headlines

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Actions

1. **ACTION: Remind eligible patients of last booking date for Covid-19 booster**

Practices are requested to remind patients who are eligible for the COVID-19 autumn booster, that they have only two weeks left to book an appointment.

The last date to book a Covid vaccination on the National Booking Service is likely to be Thursday, 14 December. All eligible adults can book their flu and COVID-19 vaccinations by visiting www.nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations, on the NHS app, or by calling 119.

Some pharmacies and other vaccine services offer walk-in clinics and people can search for their nearest location on the NHS website.

Updates

2. **UPDATE: NHS GM 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 (GMMMG) Red Amber Green (RAG) list. Prescribers are asked to refer to the [GMMMG RAG list](#) as well as the Stockport Black and Grey list while the alignment is in progress.

The attached document shows items removed the Stockport Black and Grey list. For further information please see Stockport Black and Grey list on the [Practice Hub](#).

Contact: Medicines Optimisation team, gmicb-sto.medsopadmin@nhs.net

3. UPDATE: New contact details for Child Health Information Service

NHS South Central and West (SCW) will be providing Child Health Information Services (CHIS) for Greater Manchester from Friday, 1 December.

The processes you currently use will stay the same and you'll be contacting the same CHIS staff, but you will need to use the new telephone number and email addresses:

- 0300 561 0294
- scwcsu.stockportchildhealth.chis@nhs.net
- For newborn screening - scwcsu.newbornscreening.chis@nhs.net

This information has also been added to the [Practice Hub](#).

HepB failsafe enquires should be directed to scwcsu.GMFailsafe.chis@nhs.net.

If you have any questions about this change, contact SCWCSU.CHIS.administration@nhs.net

5. UPDATE: First issue of NHS Greater Manchester weekly winter briefing

Download the first NHS Greater Manchester weekly winter briefing [here](#). It's intended to update stakeholders on how services in Greater Manchester are performing and how we work together to manage demand and provide care and support to the public.

Focus for the weekly briefing this week is:

- Primary care data
- Child-friendly dental practices case study
- Urgent and emergency care data
- Hospital discharge data

6. UPDATE: Social media posts for cold weather – amber alert

An amber cold weather alert has been issued for the North West lasting until Tuesday, 5 December. The UK Health Security Agency has created a communications [toolkit](#) which relates specifically to cold weather. It is intended to provide basic health information that can be communicated during cold weather. It contains background information, suggested social media copy, social media assets and links to useful information.

For ease, you can just copy and paste these messages into your social media accounts:

- Caring for a vulnerable or older person this winter? Here are some tips to help them stay well through the colder months. For more information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather/top-tips-for-keeping-warm-and-well-this-winter>
- In this cold weather, don't forget to look out for anyone close to you who might struggle with the drop in temperature. Check this list of people at higher risk <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather/top-tips-for-keeping-warm-and-well-this-winter>

7. UPDATE: Pharmacy opening hours for Christmas and New Year bank holidays

The opening hours for Greater Manchester pharmacies over the Christmas and New Year bank holidays have been published on the [Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester website](#). Other pharmacies may be open, but have not notified NHS GM.

Useful Links

[Stockport GP Practice Hub](#)
[Healthwatch Information Round Up - weekly](#)
[Primary Care Guidance from NHS England & Improvement](#)

