

Welcome

The weeks seem to be flying by and we are almost in May already.

For many of us in primary care, that means more bank holidays and more pressures! That said, I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to some warmer weather.

For us at the PCB, we are taking the opportunity to look back at the work we have accomplished over the past 12 months and in a few months' time we should be able to share with you our second-only annual review.

We've been consulting colleagues across all four primary care disciplines and asking for their key achievements and details of other work in progress, as well as aspirations for the future.

Once the document is finished, we will share our findings with you and hopefully it will be a good read!

It may seem like ages ago, but we are also compiling an evaluation report on the success of the Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit 2024, which we will share with you soon. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey, which will help us to improve for next time.

So, what's happening right now? In this month's update we have reminders to sign up to webinars to help you in your work, news about another health and care organisation that has joined the Good Employment Charter and the launch of the Pharmacy Excellence Programme.

The spring COVID-19 vaccination programme has also launched with an accompanying Greater Manchester campaign, to encourage people to come forward if eligible. Please support the campaign by using on your channels if you can.

I hope you enjoy reading this bulletin, and continue to find out the latest news and offers via the PCB [website](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know by emailing:
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Thank you,
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PCB news

Occupational health provision

You will have received notification that as of 1 April, all primary care providers in GM can access occupational health provision for needlestick and blood borne viruses thanks to a new contract between NHS Greater Manchester and Stockport Foundation Trust in collaboration with Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Foundation Trust.

The urgent access issues first raised by the PCB have now been resolved and we will update the PCB website with any new updates when we receive them.

Polypharmacy lunchtime webinars

The Health Innovation Network is running [two lunchtime webinars](#) for GPs, pharmacists, nurse prescribers and other health professionals.

Devolution evaluation

Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership shared its response last month to a recently published [study on devolution](#) by the University of Manchester.

Pharmacy Excellence Programme launched

More than 400 community pharmacies in Greater Manchester can now access support to help them flourish via the new [ReviveRx Pharmacy Excellence Programme](#).

There's also an opportunity for [additional personalised coaching](#) for a limited cohort.

Bursary applications for RCGP conference

Applicants successful in their abstract submissions to this year's Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) conference can [apply to the GP Excellence programme](#) for funding to attend the event.

GM pharmacies join MMR vaccine roll-out

A number of pharmacies across Greater Manchester are [offering the measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine](#) to make it quicker and easier for people who have yet to be vaccinated.

Clinical research is growing among GM primary care

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) Greater Manchester has seen a significant increase in the number of practices taking part in clinical research and [invite you to learn more about their work](#).

We have also updated the PCB website to include information about [how the NIHR can support research in pharmacies](#).

The Pharmacy Champion for NIHR CRN GM is Rachel Macdonald:

rachel.macdonald@nihr.ac.uk

[New peer ambassadors recruited to inspire and drive change](#)

A request has been issued for primary care leaders to become [peer ambassadors for a new national Primary Care Transformation Academy](#).

A letter has been circulated on behalf of Luvjit Kandula, Chair of Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board and Munisha Kumar, Chief Medical Officer at NHS GM. The closing date for expressions of interest is 26 April, and we will bring updates when available.

[Latest addition to the Good Employment Charter club](#)

Bolton GP Federation has become the first federation in Greater Manchester to [achieve member status](#) of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter.

[Resources to support GPs with Pharmacy First](#)

Community Pharmacy England has produced a [set of resources](#) aimed at GPs, PCNs and other stakeholders to help increase understanding of the Pharmacy First service.

[Support for GM campaigns](#)

The spring COVID-19 vaccination programme has started and the [‘Protect and Prevent’](#) campaign aims to encourage eligible people to come forward and get vaccinated.

For more information about the campaign and to download the toolkit to use on your channels until the end of June, visit the [campaign resource centre on the NHS GM website](#).

The spring phase of the [‘Get To Know Where To Go’](#) campaign is also available until the end of May.

[New podcasts](#)

Two new podcasts by the Primary Care Knowledge Boost (PCKB) are now available.

Listen to: [anticipatory care](#) with Caitriona MacDermott and the [GM non-clinical workforce passport](#) with Satty Boyes and the PCB’s Lorna Laffin.

[GP Excellence webinars](#)

Extra capacity was added to a series of webinars organised by the GP Excellence programme – [check our website](#) for last minute availability in May if you’re interested in business continuity and responding well to conflict.

GP Excellence is also delivering webinars to [help practices deliver the new quality standards](#) for prescribing, diabetes and cardiovascular services.

[GM Integrated Care Partnership update](#)

The April edition of the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership newsletter](#) for partners and stakeholders is now available.

It features a [Health Innovation Manchester \(HinM\) blog](#) about working with stakeholders to reduce harm from medicines.

[GM Care Record update](#)

The second edition of the [GM Care Record stakeholder briefing](#) has been issued and includes updates on how the care record is supporting organisations across GM, plus news of two awards for information governance.

Winter briefings come to an end

NHS GM published its 18th and final [weekly winter briefing](#) for stakeholders with a thank you to health, care and voluntary workers ahead of the Easter weekend. All briefings, from 30 November 2023 and 28 March 2024 are published on the [news section](#) of our website. If you have any feedback about the briefings, please email gmhscp.media@nhs.net

Events page

Don't forget to check our [events page](#) for a range of webinars, conferences and training offers relevant to the primary care workforce. The calendar can be altered to view week by week, by month or in list form (agenda) according to your preference by using the tabs.

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