

Welcome

I hope you're all keeping well and have managed to have a break at some point over the summer.

As we head into autumn we are looking forward to the [Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit](#) on 8 October – and we hope to see you there!

Tickets are going fast for this free face-to-face event, and we'd love to see a few more of you from community pharmacy, dentistry and optometry on the day.

I appreciate it can be difficult to justify taking time away from the day job to attend things like this but it's a genuine opportunity for providers from all disciplines to help shape the future of primary care via an interactive workshop.

We'll be releasing more details about the day soon, but we need to hear your views about the 10 year plan and how you envisage this working in your neighbourhoods. We know there's a lot of great work already being done in localities, so please come along and share your successes.

We'll also be celebrating the fact that we've been working collaboratively in primary care for the past 10 years! The Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board (PCB) was first established in 2015 and we will take a look at some of the achievements and developments made by our four sub-boards.

A main focus of our work at the PCB is engaging with our providers and representing the views of primary care in a single voice across the Greater Manchester system.

We continue to do this in relation to NHS reform and the Live Well programme, ensuring the role of primary care in neighbourhoods is at the front and centre of any future models of operation.

If you've ever wondered about the work of the PCB, then the Primary Care Summit is an ideal opportunity to learn more and get involved.

In other news this month, we had a productive meeting with the Caribbean and African Health Network (CAHN) to discuss how we can work together to meet the health needs and address inequalities of local residents.

This is part of our work to strengthen relationships with the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector and I'm looking forward to working more closely with them to improve the health of our communities.

We've also refreshed our health and wellbeing offer to all primary care providers with the launch of the Being Well: Leadership Development Training Programme. New dates have been launched for September onwards and you can [learn more about the course](#) on our website.

We've been working on a blog about the importance of 'being well', so look out for that on our social media channels in the next few weeks.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that this is a challenging time for colleagues across the system and the PCB is committed to support you in any way we can. Please get in touch if we can help in any way.

Please check our [website](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for all the latest PCB news and offers. If you have any comments or suggestions about this update, please let us know by emailing: info.gmpcb@nhs.net

Thank you,

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Chair, Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board

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PCB news

New peer ambassador scheme to help general practice

A [peer ambassador scheme](#) aimed at helping general practice through changes to primary care has been launched in all localities by Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board.

The network of GPs will work directly with practices to coach and support them through the Modern General Practice model.

Limited places for Primary Care Summit

Places are booking up fast for the [Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit 2025](#) on Wednesday 8 October.

Our remaining tickets are now reserved for those working in community pharmacy, dentistry or optometry.

Join the culture movement for being well

Greater Manchester is leading the movement for a change in how we look after ourselves and each other with a FREE training programme for all primary care providers.

Designed for primary care, you will learn how to lead by example and cultivate a culture of compassion in the workplace with our 'Being Well: Leadership Development Training Programme'. [Check out new dates for this autumn.](#)

Don't miss out on training webinars

Two new webinars have been added to the GP Excellence page on the PCB website. You can [watch for the first time or re-watch](#) and recap if you attended at the time. The 'Resilience for practice managers' and 'NHS 10-year plan' masterclasses, by trainer Luan Stewart, join a variety of other topics delivered by the PCB.

Latest news from NIHR

The [latest clinical research opportunities](#) are available from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) North West Regional Research Delivery Network (NW RRDN). St John's Medical Centre in Altrincham explains why they think [being involved in research is so important](#).

GP practices in the most deprived areas are invited to [join a new Greater Manchester Inclusive Research Network](#) (GM IRN).

Personalised care workforce survey

The results of a survey looking at the [personalised care workforce](#) have been released. It highlights how people feel about their role, whether they have enough training and development, and how supported they feel.

For more information, please email Charlotte Leonhardsen, NHS GM Programme Manager, Social Prescribing and workforce lead: Person and Community Centred Approaches: c.leonhardsen@nhs.net

Training guide for social prescribing link workers

A new [training roadmap for social prescribing link workers](#) has been released by the National Association for Social Prescribing (NASP). It aims to help social prescribing link workers understand the skills needed for the role, as well as support employers to establish a consistent training offer.

Optometrists helping to save lives

A spotlight is being shone on the NHS Hypertension pilot, delivered by Primary Eyecare Services (PES) in partnership with Local Optical Committees (LOCs) and NHS GM.

An [article featured on the Association of British Dispensing Opticians \(ABDO\) website](#) highlights how a blood pressure check during an optician appointment identified that a woman was having an active heart attack and required immediate treatment.

Improve dentistry skills for patients with disabilities

Greater Manchester Training Hub is offering specialised training for dentists as part of its Primary Care Integrated Development Programme.

A two-hour session on [enhancing dental care for patients with learning disabilities and neurodevelopmental conditions](#) will take place on Wednesday, 19 November via MS Teams.

Campaigns and partnership updates

In the August edition of the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership stakeholder bulletin](#), Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, highlights the new Greater Manchester Strategy.

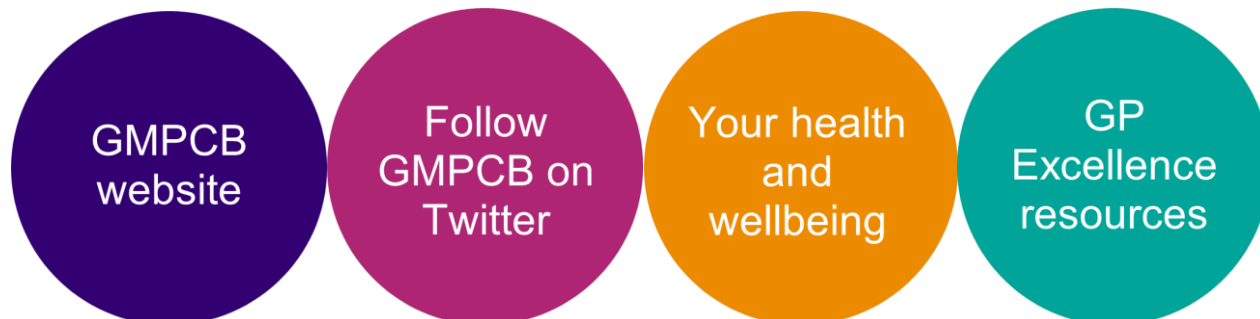
The [GM Campaign Resource Centre](#) has everything you need to know to promote the 'Keep protected this winter' vaccination campaign.

Events page

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.

Find out more...



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