

Welcome

Welcome to the first of our regular updates from Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board (PCB) - to all our primary care providers across dentistry, pharmacy, general practice and optometry.

I must begin by saying that my role as chair of the PCB is coming to an end soon and we'll have an update on new PCB leadership and membership later in the summer.

For now, it's business as usual and it's been a very busy year so far! We hope that you are familiar with the work and role of the PCB, but also appreciate it can be difficult to keep up with everything in the primary care provider system and the wider integrated care system.

As a result, we have developed three clear ways of communicating the work of the PCB to you and we hope you will find them useful.

Our [website](#) is a great source of information, training offers and support and we endeavour to keep this updated regularly. I would encourage you to have a look at the handy [infographic and animation](#), which help to explain what we do and what the PCB means to you as a provider.

As well as the website, we have a number of active social media channels – including [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) - so if you haven't already, please give us a follow!

Finally, we have collated some of the more recent PCB activity in the following briefing which we will update and send to you each month.

I hope you enjoy reading this update and if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know by emailing: info.gmpcb@nhs.net

Thank you,

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Primary Care Blueprint Engagement Draft

Providers across primary care are encouraged to read and submit feedback on the [Primary Care Blueprint Engagement Draft](#).

As well as feedback from individuals, each provider board has been asked to contribute to a PCB collective response by Wednesday 28 June so it can be collated and submitted by the deadline of Friday 30 June.

Changes in PCB membership

[Plans](#) are underway to appoint a new chair and vice-chair to the PCB.

The post-holders will represent and support the four areas of primary care – dentistry, general practice, pharmacy and optometry – providing a unified voice within Greater Manchester.

Annual review

Our [annual review for 2022/23](#) is now available and highlights a range of PCB achievements, successes and key developments across primary care.

The document has been shared with key stakeholders.

PCN development day

The [first day](#) of the Primary Care Network (PCN) development programme got off to a flying start with a range of inspiring workshops and talks from regional experts and involving colleagues from PCNs across Greater Manchester.

Details about the next session on Thursday 14 September will be available on our [website](#) soon.

Digital First update

Since its launch in 2021, the Digital First Primary Care programme has adopted a three-phase approach: understand, reimagine and implement. The programme is currently in implementation phase and has noted some [key highlights](#) during 2022/23.

We will update you further in the coming weeks.

Good Employment Week

Greater Manchester's first Good Employment Week is due to take place between 19-24 June and colleagues from all sectors across the city region are being asked to get involved by completing a [survey](#), holding events and supporting on social media.

You can read about Hawkley Brook Medical Practice, which was the first health and care organisation to achieve member status of the [Good Employment Charter](#) in March.

Health and wellbeing

Have you checked out the [latest podcasts](#) on our health and wellbeing pages?

'How chaplains are helping to reduce the burden in general practice' and 'Strength in numbers – managers working together in primary care' are now available.

Message and survey on streamlining communications to primary care

We are working with NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care on reviewing and streamlining communications to primary care colleagues.

Please take a few minutes to read a [message](#) from Tracey Vell, Chief Officer of the PCB and Rob Bellingham, Director of Primary Care and Strategic Commissioning for NHS GM Integrated Care and complete this short [survey](#) by Friday 30 June.

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