

# Welcome

I'm sure you'll agree that it's been another busy month in primary care.

The long-awaited NHS 10 Year Health Plan was announced and many of you will have avidly read the detail to find out what it means for you on the frontline.

As with many of these things, the actual impact on us is something to be worked through, but the leadership team at the PCB had some initial thoughts that we shared on our social media channels [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Each of our provider board chairs – for community pharmacy, dentistry, general practice and optometry – plus chief officer, Dr Tracey Vell MBE, commented on the plan from their perspective.

The overarching feeling was that we welcomed the focus on primary care as a key player in the future of health care, and there was an enthusiasm for the opportunity to work more closely than ever to improve preventative care for our population.

I'm pleased to invite you all to have your say on how we design the future of primary care collaboration at our annual [Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit](#) on Wednesday 8 October.

You can read the details in this bulletin, but we'd love to see representatives from all providers at this event. This is your chance to get involved – and our chance to listen!

We've been doing a lot of listening lately, having just completed a structured engagement process with all four primary care disciplines, supported by NHS GM and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

We've gathered your input to help co-design the [GM Live Well](#) model and specifically how you think primary care could strengthen its role in this. Your responses and ideas have been amazing, and an action plan will be developed over the summer.

We're also continuing our collaboration work beyond the traditional realms of primary care, and exploring relationships with strategic partners.

As I mentioned last month, we met representatives from the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector, and have planned a follow-up session with them. We're also involved in a GM Primary Care Round Table event to understand the impact of

NHS Reform and the 10 year plan, plus we're meeting The Provider Collaborative soon to discuss future working relationships.

So, another busy few months ahead!

Speaking of collaboration, I recently had the honour of presenting the PCB-sponsored award for collaboration at the GM Health and Care Champion Awards 2025. You can [read about the winner](#), Chris Durkin, on our website.

The event was full of inspirational stories about people making a real difference to the lives of our residents. It was such an uplifting event and a reminder of the tenacity and hard work of our colleagues in all aspects of health and care.

Plus, I managed to make it on stage without tripping on my dress!

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](mailto:info.gmpcb@nhs.net)

Thank you,

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## PCB news

### **Book your place for Primary Care Summit**

Primary care providers should have received their [invitation to the Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit 2025](#).

Please book your place for the face-to-face event on Wednesday 8 October, and more details about what to expect will be released soon.

### **GM Health and Care Champion Awards**

The winners of the GM Health and Care Champion Awards 2025 were announced at a celebration event earlier this month.

This year, the [PCB proudly sponsored an award for Collaboration](#).

### **Webinars for general practice**

The GP Excellence programme has launched a further [series of general practice webinars](#) for 2025/06.

They cover a range of topics from finance quick wins to responding well to conflict.

### **Smarter notes, better care**

GPs can learn about the importance of digital record keeping in a bite-size audio session. The [Smarter Notes, Better Care audio session](#) has launched on the PCB's Spotify channel.

### **Essential listening on managing asthma**

The [latest podcast by Primary Care Knowledge Boost](#) (PCKB) is essential listening for all primary care clinicians who assess and support people with asthma. This episode has been created specifically to help clinicians understand the major changes in recommendations on how to manage the condition, which were introduced this year.

### **Popular group mentorship programme returns**

A group mentorship programme for practice managers is already proving popular. There's still [availability for cohort two](#), which starts in October, after a surge of interest for cohort one. The successful programme was launched initially at the start of the year, and returns due to popular demand.

### **Updates from NIHR**

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) North West Regional Research Delivery Network (NW RRDN) has a number of updates, including its [latest clinical research opportunities](#) and [feedback on two recent studies](#).

### **Forming partnerships to support primary care**

A [roundtable event](#) brought together the PCB and Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) leaders. Further sessions are planned, to turn shared ambition into practical collaboration.

### **Opportunity for managers and aspiring managers**

A limited number of places are available for managers and aspiring managers working in general practice for an Operations Manager Level 5 Apprenticeship. The GP Excellence Programme is supporting this opportunity, in partnership with the GM Training Hub and Damar Training, through tailored masterclasses that are accredited to the Institute of General Practice Management (IGPM). Deadline for [expressions of interest](#) is 31 July.

### **Optometry wellbeing**

Optometrists looking for health and wellbeing support can find information on the PCB website.

The [health and wellbeing library](#), which signposts to a range of resources, has been developed as part of the [Optometry Excellence programme](#).

### **Greener pharmacy toolkit**

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has developed a toolkit to support pharmacies to reduce their carbon footprint as well as save money and improve services.

Pharmacies are encouraged to [register with the toolkit online](#), where there is a video and document explaining how the toolkit works.

Some pharmacies may receive telephone and/or email communication about the toolkit from NHS GM, as part of an exercise to test how pharmacies are encouraged to register.

### **Dentistry consultation**

The Government's consultation to reform NHS dentistry is currently live.

You can [have your say](#) on the quality and payment proposals until 19 August.

### **New primary care portal**

A new online portal for all providers in primary care is being launched soon by NHS GM. Some of you have been involved in the design of the resource, which aims to provide a secure place for all key updates, information pertinent to your area, a regular email

summary based on your preferences and quick access to service updates, guidance, templates, and contacts.

### Online money advice referral tool

Resolve Poverty has launched an online version of its [Money Advice Referral Tool](#) (MART), which can be used by anyone working with people on low incomes, including primary care providers.

The financial support finder is available for people in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

### Campaigns

The summer edition of the Get To Know Where To Go campaign is live and helping families access the right support at the right time.

You can [find all the details](#) about how to support the campaign on your channels from the GM Campaign Resource Centre.

### Partnership updates

The latest edition of the [Greater Manchester Care Record bulletin](#) includes updates on new features, impact stories from the frontline, and a blog about how the GMCR is empowering pharmacies.

NHS GM and the wider partnership are continuing to work with NHS England on a set of 'Enforcement Undertakings' and have published their latest update on [progress to date as part of a Single Improvement Plan](#) (SIP).

The ICB has also published a [stakeholder briefing on NHS Reform](#) and the work they are doing towards delivering the draft Model ICB Blueprint.

More system-wide updates can be found in the July edition of the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership stakeholder bulletin](#).

### 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.

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