

Welcome

As I mentioned in last month's Provider Update, the PCB works hard to represent all disciplines of primary care, and on several levels.

Since our last issue we've been busy flying the collective flag at key events and will continue to engage with colleagues at NHS GM and beyond on the future planning and sustainability of primary care.

This month we had a jam-packed visit with Professor Claire Fuller, the Medical Director for Primary Care at NHSE, and author of the Fuller Stocktake report (2022) which sets out the next steps for integrating primary care.

Together with colleagues at NHS GM, we took her on a tour of eyecare services, a pharmacy, and a GP practice. We also had dentistry colleagues playing a key part in the day.

Overall, we felt it was a positive visit and we're in no doubt that she left knowing what we do here at the PCB and how passionate we are about the work within each of the primary care disciplines, and our ambitions for the future.

We also shared some of our achievements over the past year, and you can read more about those when our annual review is published – so watch this space!

In the same week as the visit, we saw lots of our representatives at the NHS Confed Expo, including Dr Tracey Vell MBE, chief officer of the PCB, and Dharmesh Patel, PCB board member and chair of the GM Optometry Provider Board, who both featured on the agenda.

As well as speaking formally on pertinent topics, we took the opportunity to talk to significant leaders about the issues facing primary care.

In other news this month, we have details of the new PCB proactive care programme, some guides to help with the roll-out of patient-led ordering, and some GM campaigns you can use on your channels.

There is also information about the GM Health and Care Champion Awards 2024. Although we didn't make the shortlist, Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester (CPGM) and NHS GM were nominated for a collaboration award with Allied Health Training for Pharmacy First.

Maybe next year...!

Please check the PCB [website](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest news and offers and don't forget - if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know by emailing: info.gmpcb@nhs.net

Thank you,

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PCB news

Proactive care programme

The PCB has launched [a new programme](#) to help PCNs tackle long-term conditions through proactive care, in partnership with NHS GM and Peak Health Coaching. The programme held its first workshop recently and will focus on cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Summer webinars for general practice

A set of [summer webinars](#) delivered by the GP Excellence programme, with trainer Luan Stewart, are filling up fast.

If you miss out this time, the sessions on 'QOF prevalence', 'Finance – quick wins', 'Estates planning' and 'Students and trainees: preparations and planning' will be repeated later this year – watch this space!

Patient-led ordering resources

A [series of guides](#) have been produced to help PCNs and community pharmacies adopt the new GM approach to patient-led ordering of prescriptions.

The PCB website has been [updated with links](#) to the standard operating procedures, an activity planner for the roll-out, and a communications toolkit.

Clinical research

[Latest updates](#) from the National Institute for Clinical Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) Greater Manchester include a primary care meeting in July, new SNOMED codes for GP practices, plus their current research opportunities.

Dr Derek making the headlines

A GP from Wigan is making the headlines with his unique YouTube videos giving advice on important health issues. [Dr Derek Adu-Sarkodie](#) has been interviewed on BBC Radio Manchester and featured on local news websites.

June podcasts

This month's podcasts by the Primary Care Knowledge Boost (PCKB) shine a spotlight on palliative care across two episodes.

Palliative care consultant, Lesley Henson, and specialty doctor, Caitriona MacDermott, talk about [breathlessness in palliative care](#) and in a follow-up episode, they [answer some common questions](#).

Raising concerns about pharmacy services

New guidance has been released for GP practices and PCNs when [raising concerns about pharmacy services](#). The process was agreed at a Services Working Group (SWG) involving NHS GM and Community Pharmacy Provider Board (CPPB). Details of the process are published on the PCB website, under the community pharmacy section.

New guides for modern general practice

NHS England has published [four new 'how to' guides](#) on modern general practice, as part of the [Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care](#). The guides are included in the resource section of our [New access models](#) page, on the PCB website.

Fairer Health for All Fellowship

There's still time to [apply for the Fairer Health for All Fellowship \(FHfA\) programme](#), which starts in the autumn. Closing date for expressions of interest, from all aspects of primary care, is 30 June.

GM awards

The shortlist for the [GM Health and Care Champion Awards 2024](#) has been published. [A full list](#) is included on the NHS GM website. Winners will be announced at an event on 11 July.

Help residents to Feel the Benefit

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is [asking primary care providers to support](#) its new energy saving campaign, Feel the Benefit.

You can refer patients directly via the [ECO4 Flex scheme](#) or help spread the word using the [communications toolkit](#) with your audiences.

Cancer forum event

The GM Cancer Forum is holding a [free study afternoon in July](#) for clinical primary care professionals looking to boost their cancer knowledge and hear key updates from Greater Manchester cancer specialists.

GM partnership updates

Read the latest [updates from the GM Care Record](#) and the May edition of the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership newsletter](#) for partners and stakeholders.

NHS GM have also announced the [appointment of a new Deputy Chief Executive](#), Colin Scales.

Campaigns

The Get To Know Where To Go (GTKWTG) campaign has been given a football makeover for the Euros! Messaging is focused on responsible drinking and taking care in the sun.

[Updated campaign assets](#) are available on the NHS GM campaigns resource centre, if you're posting from your channels.

Alternatively, you can look out for the hashtag #GTKWTG and share.

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.

Find out more...



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