

Welcome

I hope you're all making the most of the sunshine – when it makes an appearance!

As ever, primary care continues to be a demanding arena and as a PCB we continue to raise issues on your behalf at a system, regional and national level where we can.

We do this in several ways: by having representation at strategic meetings; inviting key leaders to our monthly board meetings; and taking an active - and vocal - role in visits to our city region by high profile figures. We have a visit taking place in June and I hope to be able to share details in next month's update.

If you're interested in the general governance of the PCB and how we operate, you can read more about this in our upcoming annual review which is currently being compiled and should be available in the summer.

An important document that has just been released is the [year-one delivery plan](#) for the [GM Primary Care Blueprint](#), details of which can be found in this month's Provider Update below.

If you were at the Primary Care Summit earlier this year, you will have heard about the plan which sets out actions for the period 2024 to 2025, based on the ambitions outlined in the blueprint.

The document highlights the importance of communications as delivery develops, something which was raised at the summit in March. You can read a selection of people's views on this and other aspects of the event and the blueprint in the [evaluation report](#) on our website.

Also included in this edition of Provider Update are details of new health and wellbeing training offers, leadership development opportunities and a handy toolkit to help providers become members of the Good Employment Charter.

Enjoy!

Don't forget to check the PCB [website](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest news and offers.

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

GM Primary Care Blueprint Delivery Plan

A delivery plan outlining the year-one actions of the GM Primary Care Blueprint has been published.

Entitled [GM Primary Care Blueprint – Delivery Plan: Year 1](#), the document sets out the agreed actions to be taken during 2024 to 2025, to meet the ambitions outlined in the [GM Primary Care Blueprint](#), as well as contributing to the [Integrated Care Partnership strategy \(2023\)](#).

Take part in the General Practice Improvement Programme

The General Practice Improvement Programme (GPIP) invites all practices and PCNs to join them at [an introductory webinar](#) on Wednesday, 5 June, to discover what tailored support is available.

Benefits of NHS App

A [new video by NHS GM](#) to explain changes to the way repeat prescriptions are ordered features a GP, community pharmacists and several patients.

The video aims to support people to use the NHS App, which will give them more control over their healthcare.

Dr Chris Nortcliff, the PCB's digital lead and clinical lead of Digital First Primary Care (DFPC) [talks about the benefits of the NHS App](#) – among other things – in a blog for #DigitalStockport.

Vitamin D testing guidance

GM Pathology Network has [updated its vitamin D testing guidance](#) for adults, aimed at general practice and other health practitioners.

Leadership development opportunities

A range of leadership programmes, events, resources and tools are available to leaders, and aspiring leaders, working in the health and care sector across the north west.

Check out the [offers from NHS North West Leadership Academy](#).

Wellbeing poster updated

Due to a review and consolidation of national support offers, the Looking After You coaching programme for primary care colleagues has ended.

As a result, the [GM Workforce Wellbeing Support](#) poster on our website has been updated. This is available in the [workforce hub](#) on the PCB website, along with more wellbeing resources.

Updates on clinical research in primary care

[Latest updates](#) from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) Greater Manchester include the launch of an implementation toolkit focused on paramedics in general practice, plus a new research study for people with low mood.

New health and wellbeing training

The PCB's health and wellbeing programme is delivering [three new training opportunities](#) for the primary care workforce.

Training can be either online or face to face and includes: Handling difficult situations – caring for yourselves and others with compassion; Having safe and effective wellbeing conversations; and NHS Leaders' Wellbeing Local Programme.

Evaluation of GM Primary Care Summit

Thank you to everyone who completed the GM Primary Care Summit survey. We have updated our PC Summit page to include an [evaluation report](#) which will help us to plan for future events.

Menopause guidance and resources

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has published new guidance for employers regarding [menopause in the workplace](#).

There is also a section dedicated to [menopause on FutureNHS](#).

This is for anyone working in the NHS to understand more about the menopause, how you can support colleagues at work and for those experiencing menopause symptoms.

Good Employment Charter toolkit

The [GM Good Employment Charter Implementation Toolkit for Health and Social Care Employers](#) contains everything you'll need to implement good employment in the workplace.

The toolkit was created with the help of health and care colleagues who have completed charter membership, and includes examples of best practice, case studies and links to useful documents and resources to assist with the process.

Listen in – latest podcasts

PCB colleagues feature heavily in the latest podcasts from the Primary Care Knowledge Boost!

Dr Tim Dalton, chair of General Practice Provider Board (GPPB), talks about [how general practice is funded](#), while Dr Joanna Bircher, clinical director of the PCB's GP Excellence Programme, shares her experience, along with two other GPs, of [working as a salaried, partner and locum GP](#).

There's also a third podcast which takes a [deep dive into osteoporosis](#).

Latest update from GM Integrated Care Partnership

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

The latest edition includes details of the single improvement plan for NHS GM plus a new [single point of contact](#) for the patient services team. All contact details can be [found on their website](#).

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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