

Welcome

You may have seen on our social media channels that the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, will give a keynote speech at our primary care summit on 8 October.

Our LinkedIn and X channels, along with the website, are the first port of call for any news and updates we have to share with you. Our LinkedIn audience, in particular, has grown over the past year or so, and we now have almost 1,500 followers.

We're delighted to welcome Andy to our event – which is fully booked by the way – and I'm keen to hear about his work with The Prevention Demonstrator. All will be revealed on the day!

It promises to be a busy and informative day, with plenty of debate about the NHS 10 Year Health Plan, working in neighbourhoods, and how we can work more effectively together. The event is a key opportunity for all primary care teams to have their say and shape the future at this critical time.

We will also launch our celebratory video, which marks 10 years of primary care collaboration in Greater Manchester. I look forward to seeing you there... and hearing about the opportunities we can create over the next 10 years!

You can read more about what we have planned in this bulletin.

Also included in the bulletin this month are new dates for GP Excellence webinars and an update on the GP peer ambassador programme.

We've also got an update on the Live Well primary care engagement we carried out over the summer. We spoke to more than 300 of you across primary care and we know that great work is already happening in your communities.

The Live Well programme is continuing to grow and there are many more opportunities for community pharmacy, dentistry, general practice and optometry to get involved.

Check out the briefing note and events calendar included in this bulletin for more information.

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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PCB news

Mayor Andy Burnham to speak at primary care summit

The [Greater Manchester Primary Care Summit 2025](#) is fully booked but you can follow all the action on our social media channels.

Mayor Andy Burnham will give a keynote speech on the day and there will be interactive sessions on working together in the future, neighbourhoods, and concepts in the NHS 10 Year Health Plan.

Peer ambassador scheme gets off to great start

Our peer ambassador scheme has got off to a great start with backing from NHS England's Paula Cowan.

Paula kindly [joined the new recruits](#) as they began their journey of quality improvement across general practice.

New proactive and personalised care toolkit

We have [developed a toolkit](#) to help Primary Care Networks establish new models of proactive and personalised care within their communities.

The toolkit is hosted on the PCB website and features some great resources. You can also [download a copy](#) to keep handy.

Autumn dates for GP Excellence webinars

The GP Excellence programme has released a number of training opportunities to take general practice through autumn and beyond.

[Book your place](#) for workforce planning, resilience for managers, and responding well to conflict for both frontline staff and managers.

NIHR updates

Catch up on the [latest clinical research opportunities](#) from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) North West Regional Research Delivery Network (NW RRDN).

Lunch and learn sessions

The NHS Cancer Alliance and Greater Manchester Cancer Academy are running a number of cancer-focused lunch and learn sessions via MS Teams, along with some longer in-person education events.

[Check out their dates.](#)

Dental practice manager forum

Dental practice managers and nurses are invited to get involved in the Northwest Practice Manager and Senior Nurse Forum, by emailing kim.goodwin6@nhs.net

The Greater Dental Provider Board (DPB) is now giving regular GM updates to the group via DPB dental specialist adviser, Mukhtar Ahmad.

Coming soon - new Greater Manchester Primary Care Portal

The new Greater Manchester Primary Care Portal is designed to make the working day easier for colleagues working in frontline primary care.

Built with - and for - GPs, pharmacists, dentists, and optometrists, it is a secure, personalised hub that will deliver service updates, guidance, templates, contacts, and more - straight to each user's dashboard and regular email summary.

We'll share the launch date soon – keep an eye out!

GMCR V4 goes live

Version 4 of the Greater Manchester Care Record (GMCR) went live on 29 September. It contains all the same information but has a brand new look and is more streamlined.

New features include: more intuitive navigation bar; improved summary page; and pop-up windows which allow you to details without losing your current page.

You can [read more about the launch](#), as well as a local pharmacist's blog about using GMCR, in their September newsletter.

Live Well update

In the summer, we carried out some engagement work with primary care to help shape the Greater Manchester Live Well model.

More than 300 of you took part and [this briefing note](#) summarises what we did and what we learned from you.

If you want to get more involved in Live Well, take a look at the [programme's autumn events calendar](#).

WorkWell request

An integral part of the Live Well programme, the [WorkWell service](#) was launched earlier this year. It helps people who are out of work or struggling to stay in work due to health-related issues.

If you work in community pharmacy, dentistry or optometry and would like to get involved, please contact alison.wheatley6@nhs.net, Project and Policy Manager – Population Health, NHS GM.

Partnership updates

The September edition of the [Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership stakeholder bulletin](#) includes all the latest updates from the integrated care partnership.

Mark Fisher, chief executive of NHS GM, has [announced his intention to retire](#) after more than four decades of public service.

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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