

**THE MINUTES OF THE GM JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD HELD ON 19  
OCTOBER 2021 VIA MS TEAMS (LIVESTREAMED VIA PUBLIC I)**

Bolton	Councillor Susan Baines Su Long
Bury	Councillor Andrea Simpson Will Blandamer
Manchester	Ian Williamson
Oldham	Councillor Zahid Chauhan Dr John Patterson Mike Barker
Heywood, Middleton, and Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Councillor John Merry Dr Tom Tasker (Chair) Steve Dixon
Stockport	Councillor Jude Wells Dr Cath Briggs Andrea Green
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Councillor Jane Slater Sara Radcliffe
Wigan	Councillor Keith Cunliffe

Craig Harris

GM Commissioning Team

Rob Bellingham

GMCA

Andrew Lightfoot

Lindsay Dunn

Ninoshka Martins

GM Health and Social Care Partnership

Sarah Price

### **GMJCB 21/15      WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Dr Tom Tasker, Clinical Chair, Salford CCG welcomed all locality members to the virtual Microsoft Teams meeting of the GM Health and Care Joint Commissioning Board, and thanked members for their attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Eamonn Boylan (GMCA), Dr Tim Dalton (Wigan CCG), Dr Cathy Fines and Geoff Little (Bury CCG), Dr Ruth Bromley (Manchester H&CC), Councillor Joanna Midgley (Manchester) and Dr Ashwin Ramachandra (Tameside & Glossop CCG)

### **GMJCB 21/16      CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair extended his congratulations to Sir Richard Leese as he had been confirmed as Chair Designate for GM Integrated Care Board. The Board was informed that he would be stepping down from his role as Leader of Manchester City Council and Councillor Bev Craig had been appointed as the new Leader.

The Board was informed that Mike Barker had been confirmed as the Interim Accountable Officer for Oldham on a fixed term basis until 31st March 2022 replacing Dr Carolyn Wilkins OBE who stepped down from the Accountable Officer role in July 2021 as well as the Chief Executive position at Oldham Council.

The Chair extended his thanks to Dr Carolyn Wilkins OBE for her valued contribution to the JCB and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.

#### **GMJCB 21/17      MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 were submitted for consideration and approval.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 be approved as a correct record.

#### **GMJCB 21/18      APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS**

The following members were proposed as Vice Chairs for the period to the end of March 2022:

- Clinical Vice Chair – Dr Cath Munro (Stockport CCG).
- Political Vice Chair – Councillor Zahid Chauhan (Oldham Council).

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That Dr Cath Munro (Stockport CCG) and Councillor Zahid Chauhan (Oldham Council) be appointed as Vice Chairs for the period to the end of March 2022.

#### **GMJCB 21/19      CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE**

Sarah Price, Interim Chief Officer, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, provided an update on how the health and social care system in Greater Manchester had responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and system recovery over the past month, as well as the progress towards an Integrated Care System following the announcement of the NHS Bill.

It was reported that the system had continued to remain under significant pressure and that through the CSR submission, a request for support had been submitted to Government to assist the system in recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

With regards to the vaccination programme for 12–15-year-olds and the booster programme for over 50's, it was reported that the programmes were well underway, and that further work had been planned to deliver both the programmes through the mass vaccination centres.

From 11 November 2021, all care home workers and anyone entering a care home would be required to be fully vaccinated, unless medically exempt. Members were advised that preparations for workforce changes and support were already underway across localities.

Members were informed that Florence House had recently welcomed a visit from Sajid Javid, Secretary of State (SoS) for Health and Social Care. In addition to speaking about the Florence House incident, there was some discussion with the SoS about support in regard to the press, highlighting that the national media are instrumental in supporting the relationship between citizens and the NHS.

Following the incident, similar issues of assault and damage; and delayed response from GMP had been raised by other practices. It was recognised that a system wide approach needed to be developed that would seek to protect and support staff.

As a result of the pandemic, many GP services had been digitalised, however, for some patients, the lack of accessibility had caused frustration. It was therefore recognised that further work needed to be done in consultation with the public to develop a system across Primary Care that worked better for all residents.

It was noted that the system needed to reflect on the benefits of digitalisation. It was reported that over 55% of GP consultations had been carried out face to face and that as a result of online consultations GPs were now able to free up time to attend to more patients. It was suggested that it could be useful to develop a publicity campaign explaining how GP practices have changed and the types of appointments available.

With regards to mental health services, it was reported that that there had been a significant backlog of cases. Members were advised that since the start of 2021, there had been an increase in individuals coming forward for support. It was reported that these individuals were not previously registered with the service, highlighting an additional gap in the system.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted.

**GMJCB 21/20          SUMMARY UPDATE REPORT FROM THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD EXECUTIVE**

Rob Bellingham, Managing Director, GM Commissioning Team provided an update on the discussions and the decisions taken at the Joint Commissioning Board Executive.

The Board was informed of the decision to move forward with the proposed shadow governance arrangements and therefore, in line with that decision, it was agreed for the Joint Commissioning Board Executive meetings to be stood down in November and December 2021 and February 2022.

With regards to the Assisted Conception and Fertility Treatment review, it was reported that the findings of the listening exercise would be published on the GM Health and Social Care Partnership Website (early November 21).

The Board was informed of the recommendations and discussions in relation to the GM Integrated Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation Programme (IPMO), that would shape the policy and process within GM systems.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Record of Decisions made by the JCB Executive be approved.

**GMJCB 21/21      TACKLING INEQUALITIES IN GREATER MANCHESTER –  
NEXT STEPS**

Sarah Price, Interim Chief Officer, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership provided an overview of the GM Independent Inequalities Commission and the Build Back Fairer in Greater Manchester report. The report also outlined the proposed next steps for the Health and Care Board in terms of translating the ambitions within the reports into action and improved outcomes.

The Board welcomed the report and thanked colleagues for their work in developing this piece. It was noted that health inequalities in Greater Manchester had been amplified and accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, through this piece of work GM had the opportunity to achieve a permanent reduction in health inequalities and tackle social injustice within the system.

It was reported that work had begun to co-produce the Greater Manchester system response as an example of a truly collective first step on the next stage of the Greater Manchester journey and had been presented at recent meetings of both the GM Health and Care Board and GM Combined Authority.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Board commit to contributing to the co-production of the GM system response.
2. That the findings and recommendations of the GM Independent Inequalities Commission report and the Build Back Fairer report be noted.
3. That it be noted that the proposed system response to Build Back Fairer and the areas of synergy with the Independent Inequalities Commission had been presented at recent meetings of the GM Health and Care Board and GM Combined Authority.

4. That the importance of both reports being considered within the development of the GM Integrated Care System be noted.

**GMJCB 21/22      DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 18 January 2022; 2:00 pm
- 15 March 2022: 2:00 pm (Provisional)