

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NHS GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE, LEIGH**

**PRESENT**

Sir Richard Leese	NHS GM Integrated Care (Chair)
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA
Councillor Linda Thomas	Bolton Council
Councillor Thomas Robinson	Manchester City Council
Councillor Barbara Brownridge	Oldham Council
Councillor John Merry	Salford City Council
Cllr Keith Holloway	Stockport Council
Councillor Eleanor Wills	Tameside Council
Councillor Jane Slater	Trafford Council
Councillor Keith Cunliffe	Wigan Council
Warren Heppolette	NHS GM Integrated Care
Luvjit Kandula	NHS GM Integrated Care
Paul Lynch	NHS GM Integrated Care
Professor Manisha Kumar	NHS GM Integrated Care
Claire Norman	NHS GM Integrated Care
Lynzi Shepherd	NHS GM Integrated Care
Sarah Price	NHS GM Integrated Care
Rob Bellingham	NHS GM Integrated Care
Dr Claire Lake	NHS GM Integrated Care
Jane Pilkington	NHS GM Integrated Care
Mandy Philbin	NHS GM Integrated Care
Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Ed Flanagan	GMCA
Steve Wilson	GMCA
Debbie Watson	GM Directors of Public Health

Stephanie Butterworth	Tameside Council
James Bull	UNISON
Tracey Vell	Health Innovation Manchester
Noel Sharpe	Bolton at Home
Alison Page	Salford CVS
Evelyn Asante-Mensah	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Chris McLoughlin	Stockport Council

### **ICPB/22/23 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That apologies be received and noted from Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Joanne Roney (Manchester), Lynne Stafford (Gaddum), and Mark Fisher (NHS GM Integrated Care).

### **ICPB/23/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair reported that two items at the end of the agenda were for information only and that future agenda would also include items for information only.

Members were encouraged to complete the survey sent to them seeking their input on the Board's future work programme.

The Chair reported that Steve Dixon, the Chief Delivery Officer up to April this year, had very sadly passed away in August. The Chair proposed that the collective condolences of the Board be passed on to Steve's family.

### **ICPB/24/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received in relation to any item on the agenda.

### **ICPB/25/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2023**

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

## **ICPB/26/23 IMPLEMENTING THE INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY - HELPING PEOPLE STAY WELL AND DETECTING ILLNESS EARLIER**

The Board received an update on one of the six missions within the GM Integrated Care Partnership Strategy – Helping people stay well and detecting illness earlier. The report included an overview of the mission's priorities which involved tackling inequalities, supporting people to live healthier lives, upscaling secondary prevention and helping people to live well with long term conditions. Summary examples included: -

- Making Smoking History in Greater Manchester
- Ending All New Cases of HIV in Greater Manchester by 2030
- Tackling Alcohol Harm
- GM Moving
- Mental Wellbeing
- Early Cancer Diagnosis
- CVD Prevention – Blood Pressure Optimisation
- A Multimorbidity Approach – Manchester Locality
- GM Dementia and Brain Health Delivery Plan

During the discussed that ensued, the following points were raised: -

- Preventative care and early intervention were especially necessary as 6 conditions were causing 60% of deaths.
- Educational attainment and how positive young people felt about their future on leaving school impacted their health throughout their life. An integrated technical education system would help with that. The NHS had its part to play in providing clear career pathways. There were examples of positive practices across GM but more to do on making this more consistent across GM. People's own perceived ability to improve their lives was seen as key to their future health prospects.
- It was suggested that this twin messaging, of the health benefits of vaping for ex-smokers and vaping not being recommended for people who had never smoked, be

acknowledged in the document. Disposable vapes had been recognised as a major environmental concern.

- Patients with co-morbidities were currently under the care of various consultants. It was suggested that a better approach would be to have one consultant manage a patient's various conditions. It was recognised that a place- based person centred approach was still developing.
- Misinformation around vaccinations was highlighted as an issue to be addressed, especially in communities that did not access traditional news media, relying instead on social media.
- It was suggested that a section be included on behaviours, people needed to make positive life choices themselves. The NHS may need to work in different ways to encourage people to do this.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the update on the mission 'Helping people stay well and detecting illness earlier and that work is ongoing be noted.
2. That the Prevention and Early Intervention Framework as a visual representation of our collective approach to preventing poor health be endorsed.
3. That Fairer Health for All as our approach to ensuring that health inequalities are embedded across the work of NHS GM be endorsed.
4. That the approach set out within the NHS GM Clinical Effectiveness Programme be endorsed.

#### **ICPB/27/23 GREATER MANCHESTER PRIMARY CARE BLUEPRINT**

The Board received a report on the Primary Care Blueprint, setting out the vision for Greater Manchester Primary Care services that would thrive and address the needs of Greater Manchester (GM) communities as part of the wider GM Integrated Care Partnership. It was noted that in Greater Manchester, as of September 2023, there were circa 1,800 primary care providers, with a workforce of around 22,000. This comprised of

639 Community Pharmacies, 396 Dental Providers, 411 GP Practices and 345 Optometry Providers. Across the four disciplines, various themes were outlined along with four enablers under the headings: digital; estates; quality, improvement and innovation; and workforce.

In the discussion that followed, the points raised included: -

- The ambition shown in the document was lauded.
- All 4 primary care disciplines were struggling financially and from large numbers of staff leaving.
- The role of the VCSE in supporting primary care was acknowledged.
- National NHS contracts were sometimes a real obstacle to providing locally targeted services.
- The collaborative work in the primary care sector in GM was unique nationally. It was perceived as leading the way in terms of UK primary care reform.
- The Primary Care Blueprint was seen as a move to a social model for primary care.
- There was a concern raised on the deliverability of the blueprint given the pressures being experienced in the primary care sector.
- Primary care services in GM were not spread around the conurbation equally.
- Current estates funding models needed reform.
- Fluoridation of water supplies would improve the dental health of the population, particularly children. Consideration should be given to lobbying for fluoridation of GM water supplies.
- It was noted that telephone and digital consultations were preferred over face to face consultation by many people and freed up capacity for those that wished to access services in more traditional ways.
- The GM Mayor offered to assist with any lobbying required at a national level. It was suggested that a bullet point list be prepared for the GM Mayor, GM leaders and the Chair.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the Primary Care Blueprint be approved.
2. That Officers prepare a bullet point list for the GM Mayor, GM leaders and the Chair of the issues in the sector to be raised at a national level.

## **ICPB/28/23 GREATER MANCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY REFRESH**

The Board received a report on the refreshed GM Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The strategy set out the priorities which had been agreed in consultation with stakeholders, public service partners, the VCSE sector and communities. They identified the priorities to focus on to achieve a step change in mental health and wellbeing outcomes for GM residents. The strategy's strapline was: 'Doing mental health differently'.

It was reported that the vision would be delivered through five strategic missions: -

- People will be part of mentally healthy, safe and supportive families, workplaces and communities.
- People's quality of life will improve through inclusive, timely access to appropriate high-quality mental health information, support and services.
- People with long-term mental health conditions will live longer and lead fulfilling and healthy lives.
- People will be comfortable talking about their mental health and wellbeing and will be actively involved in any support and care that they receive.
- The mental health and wellbeing system recognises the inequality, discrimination and structural inequity people experience and are committed to developing more inclusive services and opportunities that people identify with and are able to access and benefit from.

It was noted that the approach to evaluating the delivery of the strategy was still being worked on through a series of workshops, although it would be overseen by the GM Mental Health Partnership Board.

In the following discussion, the points raised included: -

- Current staff shortages and the length of time it took to train new recruits would mean new approaches would be needed in recruitment and training.
- Many children in GM whose mental health was negatively impacted by the lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic, were still not receiving the support they needed. Mental health services provided in schools was seen as key.
- Consulting those with lived experience of poor mental health and accessing mental health services was seen as critical to monitoring those mental health services.
- It was reported that active work is underway with Greater Manchester Police to ensure the most appropriate system response to mental health calls. The strategy aims to provide the right care for the right people.
- The role of the VCSE sector was highlighted as an integral part of mental health crisis services.
- The strategy needed to be ambitious in order to reduce future demand.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. That the vision, objectives and five strategic missions of the GM Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy be endorsed.
3. That the GM Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy as a key aspect of the GM ICP Strategy be endorsed.

**ICPB/29/23 FORWARD PLAN FOR NHS GM INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

The Forward Plan for development of the NHS GM Integrated Care Partnership Board had been circulated.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**ICPB/30/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held at 1:00pm on Friday 15 December 2023.