

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: 15th October 2024
Subject: Monthly Service Reconfiguration Progress Report and Forward Look
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Purpose of Report:

To set out the service reconfigurations currently planned or undertaking engagement and / or consultation. It also includes additional information on any engagement that is ongoing.

Recommendations:

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

1. Review the report and highlight any projects they require further information on at this time.

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Report authors must identify which paragraph relating to the following issues:

Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

Not applicable

Risk Management

This report is to support the risk management of service redesign, ensuring that JHSC has opportunities to review and comment on planned changes.

Legal Considerations

This report is part of the discharge of NHS Greater Manchester's legal duties to engage with scrutiny committees on to consult local authorities on substantial service changes that affect their population (Health and Social Care Act 2006, section 244 and the Local Authority Regulations 2013, section 21).

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Not applicable

Financial Consequences – Capital

Not applicable

Number of attachments to the report: 0

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

GM Transport Committee

Not applicable

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

October 2024.

1. Introduction/Background

This paper provides an overview of the Greater Manchester wide service redesign projects currently progressing through for engagement and/or consultation. Not all the projects are substantial and therefore not all will be subject to full consultation.

The list of projects will change as projects begin, progress, or are paused or cancelled.

This report will be updated every month to allow JHSC to stay up-to-date with the latest position and to request further information as required.

2. Projects

Project and anticipated level of engagement	Current stage	Overview
Adult ADHD <i>Consultation</i>	NHS England review – stage 2	<p>There are currently long waiting times for adult ADHD diagnosis services.</p> <p>Engagement has been completed, along with options appraisal and the first stage of the NHS England assurance process has been successfully completed. We are currently planning for the second stage of the assurance process and the consultation.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 16th July 2024</p>
Children’s ADHD <i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i>	Engagement launched 2 nd October 2024	<p>There are currently long waiting times for children’s ADHD diagnosis services.</p> <p>Engagement is currently being planned to understand the current experience of the service and the needs of the people who use it. It is launched on 2nd October and will run for 8 weeks. See below for further details.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: January 2025 (TBC)</p>
IVF cycles <i>Proposed consultation</i>	NHS GM Board	<p>The number of IVF cycles offered across Greater Manchester varies depending on where people live. This service redesign is looking at a policy that is equitable across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>Engagement and options appraisal has been completed. It is expected to go to NHS GM Board in autumn for approval for consultation. A written briefing on the planned consultation will be provided to GM JHS.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 16th July 2024</p>
Specialised commissioning cardiac and arterial vascular surgery <i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i>	Engagement	<p>The pathway of a very small numbers of patients who need urgent and specialist cardiac or arterial vascular surgery is being reviewed. This covers patients who use hospitals provided by the Northern Care Alliance. Patients may end up at a different location following the service review. Engagement is currently being undertaken.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: Winter 2025 (TBC)</p>

<p>Specialist weight management</p> <p><i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i></p>	<p>Engagement</p>	<p>The tier 3 specialist weight management service supports people living with very high BMIs. There are currently different service levels across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>Early engagement has begun which is due to continue into October – November 2024.</p> <p>NICE guidance is also due out in spring 2024 that may influence this work, so at this time, the engagement is focusing on areas with the least access and specific socio-demographic target groups.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: Spring 2024 (TBC)</p>
<p>Diabetes structured education</p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	<p>Engagement planning</p>	<p>The offer and uptake of diabetes structured education varies across localities. This project is looking at whether there is the potential to create a standardised offer.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: February 2025 (TBC)</p>
<p>Children’s autism</p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	<p>Analysis of engagement work to date</p>	<p>Children’s autism service pathways are being reviewed.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: to be confirmed</p>
<p>NW Women & Children's Transformation Programme</p> <p><i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i></p>	<p>Preparing options appraisal</p>	<p>The NW Women & Children’s Transformation programme aims to translate several national reviews and associated standards related to Neonatal Critical Care; Paediatric Critical Care; Surgery in Children; and Children and Young People (CYP) with Cancer into an operational plan for the North West.</p> <p>NB: North West footprint for this work, scrutiny arrangements are to be agreed.</p>

3. Current engagement

3.1. Children and Young People’s ADHD Services

This week, NHS Greater Manchester (NHS GM) has launched a [public engagement exercise](#) to gather views on children and young people’s attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) services in Greater Manchester.

We want children and young people to have timely access to support that is tailored to helping them manage their ADHD condition and symptoms, considering their needs as a whole and not focusing on their diagnosis.

The engagement exercise, which runs until 29 November 2024, seeks to address some of the issues including long wait times, levels of ongoing support for patients, the referral and assessment process, and how services vary across Greater Manchester. Our biggest priority is to improve how cases are prioritised, and making sure that children and young people who are most in need, get help quickly.

We have plans on how we can make improvements to children and young people's ADHD services and peoples' experiences. But first, we want to seek views on what matters most to people who use these services, their carers and/or families; and to help shape future services. We are also keen to hear from colleagues working in ADHD services or wider services that support children with ADHD. We are reaching out to community groups, voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations (VCFSE), healtwatches, and service providers to involve them in the engagement.

There are a number of ways for people to share their views, including via an online survey, by email or attending a focus group. To find out more and get involved, [visit our website](#); contact us by email: gmhscp.engagement@nhs.net; or call, text or WhatsApp us on 07786 673762.

3.2. Fit for the future

NHS Fit for the future is a six month programme of engagement with communities and stakeholders to help us design an NHS fit for the future of everyone who lives, works and plays across Greater Manchester.

It focuses on:

- **Happy, healthy lives**

We need to spend more time focusing on supporting people to live happy, healthy lives by preventing illnesses where possible or identifying them early.

- **Great services**

We need to make services easy to access with shorter waiting times and fair across Greater Manchester.

- **Financial balance**

We need to make the most of our money, saving it where we can, to bring the local NHS finances into balance.

The engagement started in August and since then we have been to approximately 50 different locations, community groups, events, sounding boards, etc to either have discussions, hold workshops, have stalls, or do presentations. This includes reaching a huge variety of sociodemographic, condition specific, or geographically based groups. Examples include several pride events, Bollywood fitness groups, men's mental health groups, gateways, community centres and libraries, picnics, D/deaf groups, visual impairment groups, and fresher fairs. We also held both face to face and online launch events. Further face-to-face events will be held in many of the localities across Greater Manchester.

The focus so far has predominantly been on face-to-face engagement with the community, but there has been additional engagement targeted through social media, and an online survey.

An interim report on the discussions, what people have shared with us, and the outcomes of the first phase of engagement is currently being produced, with another due in early January 2025 and the final report in March-April 2025.