Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership: an introduction

Who are we?

The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership is the body made up of the 37 NHS organisations and councils in the city region, which is overseeing devolution and taking charge of the £6bn health and social care budget.

Governed by the Health and Social Care Partnership Board, which meets in public each month, the Partnership comprises the 37 local authority and NHS organisations in Greater Manchester, plus representatives from primary care, NHS England, the community and voluntary sectors, Healthwatch, Greater Manchester Police and the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

We began using the term Health and Social Care Partnership after April 1, 2016 to replace the term Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution. Therefore, when explaining who we are we write Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership (the body overseeing the devolution of health and social care).

The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership team is the group of people who came together on April 1, from the former HSC devolution team and the former NHS England Greater Manchester team. The purpose of the team is to ensure Greater Manchester delivers on its vision and strategic objectives.

Our vision – the reason we are here

- To deliver the greatest and fastest possible improvement to the health and wellbeing of the 2.8m people of Greater Manchester

The outcomes we're trying to achieve - we have seven population health outcomes – the benefits we want to secure for the people of GM as a result of realising our vision. They are:

- More GM children will reach a good level of development cognitively, socially and emotionally.
- Fewer GM babies will have a low birth weight resulting in better outcomes for the baby and less cost to the health system.
- More GM families will be economically active and family incomes will increase.
- Fewer will die early from cardio-vascular disease (CVD)
- Fewer people will die early from cancer
- Fewer people will die early from respiratory disease
- More people will be supported to stay well and live at home for as long as possible.
Our **strategic objectives** - ‘what’ we’re going to do to deliver the vision

- To transform the health and social care system to help more people stay well and take better care of those who are ill
- To align our health and social care system to wider public services such as education, skills, work and housing
- To create a financially balanced and sustainable system
- To make sure our services are clinically safe throughout

Our **transformation themes** - ‘how’ we’re going to deliver the objectives:

1. **Radical upgrade in population health prevention**

A fundamental change in the way people and our communities take charge of – and responsibility for – managing their own health and wellbeing, whether they are well or ill. This will include exploring the development of new relationships between NHS and social care staff and the public who use services; finding the thousands of people who are currently living with life changing health issues and do not even know about them and investing far more in preventing ill health. We want people to start well, live well and age well

2. **Transforming care in localities**

The development of local care organisations where GPs, hospital doctors, nurses and other health professionals come together with social care, the voluntary sector and others looking after people’s physical and mental health, as well as managers, to plan and deliver care – so when people do need support from public services it’s largely in their community, with hospitals only needed for specialist care.

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3. Standardising acute hospital care

Hospitals across Greater Manchester working together across a range of clinical services, to make sure expertise, experience and efficiencies can be shared widely so that everyone in Greater Manchester can benefit equally from the same high standards of specialist care.

4 and 5. Standardising clinical support, back office functions and enablers

Other changes which will make sure standards are consistent and high across Greater Manchester, as well as saving money. This will include exploring sharing some clinical and non-clinical support functions across lots of organisations; giving people greater access and control over their health records and ensuring they are available in hospitals, GP practices and with social care so people can tell their story once; investing in Greater Manchester wide workforce development; sharing and consolidating public sector buildings; investing in new technology, research and development, innovation and the spreading of great ideas.

How this fits into the wider reform of public services in GM

The objectives of the Health and Social Care Partnership align with work to deliver wider reform across public services in Greater Manchester. As the diagram below shows, there is significant alignment in the priorities of both these areas of work.
The Health and Social Care Partnership Team works closely with the Greater Manchester Public Service Reform Team in support of these priorities, supporting GM localities as they shape their reform plans.

The work of the GM Public Service Reform Team is focused on supporting local services to work together, focusing on people and place, with the aim of transforming the role of public services to take a more proactive approach rather than responding to crises. GM is transforming the way we use information, empowering our frontline workforce to make more informed decisions about how and when they work with individuals and families. Building on the principles of early intervention and prevention, GM aims to deliver the appropriate services at the right time, supporting people to become healthier, resilient and empowered.

Our plans

Our Strategic Plan: Taking Charge of our Health and Social Care in Greater Manchester, was launched in December 2015. It sets out in more detail what is talked about in this introductory document. The plan and a summary are available on our website [www.gmhsc.org.uk](http://www.gmhsc.org.uk). It is aligned to ten Locality Plans setting out ambitions in each of GM’s boroughs and created by the CCG, council and relevant providers.

The figure below sets out how the Strategic Plan fits with the ten locality plans. It also summarises how the £450m Transformation Fund (the fund which will allow us to make the transformational changes needed in health and social care so we can deliver our objectives) will contribute to the mainstream improvement programme across GM, and our ambition to ultimately take charge of the £22bn public sector budget.

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Wider reform work across GM is focused on delivering the ambition of the Greater Manchester Strategy, *Stronger Together*. This strategy highlights our ambition to continue creating the conditions for growth in the GM economy. It also sets our ambition to reform our public services, enabling us to support as many residents as possible to contribute to and benefit from the opportunities that growth brings. This strategy is fully aligned with the ambition of the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan.

And our outcomes will play a significant part in helping Greater Manchester achieve wider GM social and economic outcomes laid out in the Greater Manchester Strategy. These include:

- Improving school readiness rates by 5 percentage points in 5 years
- Reduction in the number of looked after children by 20% in 5 years
- Improving skills across GM. Increasing the number of young people who leave school with 5 GCSEs (A* to C grades) by five percentage points in 5 years
- An 8 percentage point uplift in employment outcomes for the long-term workless in GM over 5 years
- Reduction in the incidence of re-offending among target cohorts by 40% over 5 years

**Our HSC Partnership priorities for 2016-17**

There is much work being implemented, some being scoped and some being planned. We are finalising a programme of activity which we will use over the year to demonstrate the difference being made as a result of us Taking Charge in Greater Manchester.