

Chair Report October 2025 – January 2026

10th October - HW regional meeting

13th November - Trauma Informed Training

Attended the HW hosted trauma-informed training (as did Yen). If it runs again and anyone has time to attend, it gives a good overview of what Trauma-Informed is.

19th November - Catch up with Sam and Jon from HW

Seeing where we are funding-wise and our future plans/priorities, etc.

25th November HW Salford AGM

A Good number of attendees and an insightful talk delivered by Graham about his experience with cancer.

2nd December - GMMH and HW regional Meeting

Neil from HW Manchester – They are looking at launching Mental health passports; they have put in a bid to GMMH to fund this.

Leah from HW Bolton.... They are prioritising their Dementia project work. They have held some sessions and walks, etc. The final report will be by spring next year (2026). Will be putting on an event in dementia action week with Public Health. C

Heather from HW Trafford....They have created/are working on 2 surveys, but they are not doing very well with gaining completed ones: 1 is focusing on parental mental health and the other on palliative care. Statutory organisations have sent out surveys to their mailing lists, too, but the response has not been very encouraging, even though they have been pushed and public health has been involved in sending it out as well. S

3rd December Adult Health and Social Care Scrutiny panel

Finance... No at anything due to bringing Aspire back into the house, etc. Overspend of £8-£9 million from NCA, from the April budget back to the council.

Council staff size will grow by a third.

8th December - HW chair and board members meeting

David Croisdale-Appleby- do we want a visit from him next year? He's been visiting a few HW's and offered to visit us.

The GP referral piece that HW published was on Good Morning Britain and in a lot of publications today.

The King's Fund is supporting a selection of HWs; they are in the writing stage of the funding. Keith Judkins said it feels wrong that it was a central decision; a lot of people in the meeting agreed with Keith.

HW Tameside met with MPs Angela Raynor and Jonathan, from the Cabinet, and they hadn't heard of HW! They want to know why they don't know about HW (to HW England).

Concerns were raised that the ICB will change/go, and a lot of HW work is linked to it continuing.

7th January -Adult Social Care Scrutiny panel

We received a presentation about MMR and immunisation update

The Integrated Vaccine and Immunisation Service (IVIS) was launched in April 25. It is designed to improve resilience across GM

The Local Authority does not commission or provide vaccinations, the Director of Public Health has to assure themselves that vaccination meets the needs of the population... Ratings are falling, meaning they are not assured, so the health protection team in public health has had to lead local work.

A reduction in vaccinations has led to deaths, especially in care homes, due to families opting out. Staff are not having the flu jab either. Still a lot of resentment that they were forced to have the Covid vaccine when NHS staff weren't.

Deprivation and areas of poverty – much lower vaccination uptake. Trying to work in communities to encourage people to have them.

No statistics were given – So nothing could be scrutinised – They have asked to come back in June/July with statistics.