

Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 8 th September 2021
Agenda Item:	Chairs Update
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Board Required Action
1. Approval/Decision
2. Discussion
3. For your information



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Chairs Update

Meetings

23rd July ICS pre-meeting

23rd July catch up with Alex

28th July ICS meeting with Sarah Price Chief Officer of the GM Health and Social Care Partnership

29th July HWS Monitoring meeting with Salford CC

29th July HW in GM meeting

30th July GM Health and Social Care Partnership Board meeting

3rd August Integration Board (for Alex)

10th August Audit clearance meeting

11th August Alex catch up

19th August Locality ICS Transition Board

24th August QAF GM meeting with Delana Lawson

3rd September HWS Finance Committee

I also 'covered' for Alex for his leave w/c 2nd August and his study leave w/c 16th August although this only involved attending meetings.

Future meetings

10th September NW Regional Board

16th September Chair and Board Member networking meeting (Jackie and Rimpby also attending)

24th September Alex Annual Review (with Jackie Leigh)

Greater Manchester Integrated Care System (ICS)

There continue to be a series of related meetings. The HW in Greater Manchester meeting agreed that Heather Fairfield, Peter Denton, Maria Kildunne and I continue to meet with the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership on their behalf. We then met the Partnership for what was a constructive meeting. There is a recognition that Healthwatches will need to be compensated for additional activity at an ICS level, and agreement about engaging with both HW in GM's discussions on our approach, including governance, and for HW in GM to join a meeting of the Partnership with Healthwatch England.



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I also attended a Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership Board meeting where the ICS was discussed. There were some concerns that the proposed arrangements were too complex and acceptance that there would be a review. More helpfully there was acknowledge of the importance of patient and public voice within the new ICS structures. The new ICS Chair and Chief Executive are being recruited with the shadow board in place from October.

We also met with Delana Lawson, in her Healthwatch England (HWE) role leading on the Quality Assurance Framework for Healthwatches. Our interest was in discussing how the Framework might work at an ICS for Healthwatches. This is early days, compounded by HWE reviewing the current Framework. For individual Healthwatches it would be helpful for the Framework to cover the neighbourhood and locality (Local Authority) levels as well as cross boundary approaches (such as the Northern Care Alliance) and the ICS level. At a Greater Manchester level this could also cover:

- Representation
- Contact
- Funding
- Decision making
- Accountability
- Leadership
- Influence and impact
- Joint projects

Some of this is already in place, and Peter Denton has done some good work about capturing what more might be needed. The HW in GM discussion on 30th September will take this further. There remain sensitivities around decision-making, concerns about the amount of time needed and the need for intelligent facilitation.

Finally there is NHS guidance about ICS's which includes a section on working with Healthwatches. This includes:

- A system based approach to working with Healthwatch
- Healthwatch to be involved in the Integrated Care Partnership with details to be discussed locally
- The ability of Healthwatch to be commissioned for health and care experience profiles
- ICS's to talk to Healthwatch about system and local working
- Healthwatch statutory CCG role to be changed to cover ICS
- NHS England working with Healthwatch England on a national programme to develop ICS and Healthwatch partnerships



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