

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 19 th January 2021
Agenda Item:	Chairs Report
Item Number:	6
Aim of Paper:	Discussion

Board Required Action
1. Approval/Decision
2. Discussion
3. For your information



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Chairs Update

GM Single ICS

Board members will recall an earlier discussion around the moves towards a single Integrated Care System (ICS) for Greater Manchester. Our earlier decision was that we (HWS and HW in GM) should not anticipate, advocate or support any changes that are proposed by the Partnership or Government. However if there are changes we should be able to respond to any new pan-GM CCG through the HW in GM mechanism and discuss the best approach with our fellow HWs including resources. This was a view held by most of our colleague Healthwatches.

There have been further developments. The initiative comes from nationally driven consultation about moving towards a smaller number of larger ICSs covering the role of CCGs. The choice in Greater Manchester has been between Option 1 (merger of all 10 CCGs into a single ICS) and Option 2 (a new ICS which will subsume all existing CCGs and delegation of some NHS roles. Support for Option 2 within Greater Manchester is conditional on a strong role for localities and local decision making within the new structure.

On the assumption that Option 2 will happen (and it will need legislation to do so) a shadow body will form in April 2021, with the new ICS Board being in place for April 2022, alongside newly formed Locality Boards. This will involve a lot of institutional change, particularly for CCGs and their staff. There will be workstreams for governance for both the GM ICS Board and the Localities Boards.

I attended the Adult Advisory Board on behalf of Alex (we have now been invited to attend) and raised issues around the transparency of this change and patient/public voice in the new structures. There was discussion about whether the current Health and Care Commissioning Board, which sits over the Adult, Children's and Primary Care Advisory Boards could evolve into the new Locality Board. The role of the Health and Wellbeing Board was also discussed.

I'm pleased that two of the points I raised on transparency and co-production were supported and agreed. Karen Proctor will be producing a summary which can be shared more easily than the papers so far produced (which claim to be high level but are often confusing). There was also agreement that there should be co-production within Salford for the new infrastructure, and then for individual services.

This issue will start to dominate our discussion at a GM level, and to an extent our own strategic discussions on 28th January. Our principle remains that there should be patient and public voice embedded within the structures that serve the public. The following are included in the NHS Consultation document:



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- That leadership arrangements should include Healthwatch
- That during 2021/22 ICS should look to engage lay and resident voices in the governance structure and making use of pre-existing forums such as Healthwatch

Finance

I'm pleased to confirm that I've not been needed for any further payment approvals since 13th November 2020.

Alex – Chief Officer

Alex and I have fortnightly regular catch up sessions. These have taken place on:

- 23rd November
- 7th December
- 18th December
- 11th January

and are due to take place on the following dates

- 19th January
- 1st February
- 17th February
- 1st March
- 15th March

Staff

I met with Alison MacLeod and Scarlett Ash as part of their inductions.

Meetings

25th November - GM Population Health

26th November – Ruth Passman new Chair of Healthwatch Bury (with Alex)

27th November – HW in Greater Manchester meeting which I chaired

1st December - Jessica Taati, our new Salford CC Commissioner and Paul Walsh (with Alex). Further quarterly meetings are now scheduled – I will attend most of these (but not the next one).

1st December – Integration Board on behalf of Alex



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3rd December – NCA Partnership Board was not held, nor any explanation given. Alex has written to NCA on behalf of all Healthwatches covered by the NCA.

12th January – Adult Advisory Board on behalf of Alex (see below)

Forthcoming meetings

15th January – Healthwatch North West

25th January – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training

27th January – GM Population Health (although this clashes with another meeting of mine)

29th January – GM Health and Social Care Partnership Board (note this is shared with Heather Fairfield from HW Trafford who I hope is attending)

Other

I received confirmation that our Annual Return, Trustees Annual Report and Accounts had been received by the Charities Commission.

Phil Morgan

12th January 2021



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