

## Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: 18 March 2025  
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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## **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 No**

Not applicable

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **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 is 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
<b>Adult ADHD</b> <i>Proposed Consultation</i>	NHS GM Board	<p>This project has successfully completed the NHS England assurance process and is due at the NHS Greater Manchester Board in March (subject to change) for a decision on whether to proceed to consultation. A written briefing on the planned consultation will be provided to GM JHS.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024</p>
<b>Children's ADHD</b> <i>Engagement</i>	Implementation	<p>There are currently long waiting times for children's ADHD diagnosis services. Engagement ran for 9 weeks and closed on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Analysis of the engagement is completed and the project is going through governance for implementation.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p>
<b>IVF cycles</b> <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. The next stage is a review by NHS GM's Board. A written briefing on the planned consultation will be provided to GM JHS.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024</p>

<p><b>Specialised commissioning cardiac and arterial vascular surgery</b></p> <p><i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i></p>	<p>NHS England Assurance</p>	<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. The project is preparing for NHS England Gateway 2.</p> <p><b>Date of JHSC: Winter 2025 (TBC)</b></p>
<p><b>Specialist weight management</b></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>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 2025 (TBC)</p>
<p><b>Diabetes structured education</b></p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	<p>Engagement report</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. 8 weeks of engagement ran from January to March and the report is currently being drafted.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: April 2025 (TBC)</p>
<p><b>Safe and Sustainable Specialised Services for Babies and Children (re-named)</b></p> <p><i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i></p>	<p>Preparing for engagement</p>	<p>The NW Women &amp; 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. Engagement is being planned for Neonatal Critical Care which is expected to be the first to go to engagement.</p> <p>NB: North West footprint for this work, scrutiny arrangements are to be agreed.</p>

<p><b>Procedures of Limited Clinical Value</b> <i>Engagement</i></p>	<p>Engagement planning</p>	<p>Procedures of limited clinical value are medical procedures that the evidence shows will not have a positive impact on most people. Therefore, they are only recommended in certain circumstances. The treatments are currently being audited and engagement is being planned to support any future review.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 / 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025</p>
<p><b>Major Trauma</b> <i>Engagement</i></p>	<p>Engagement planning</p>	<p>Major trauma services are very specialised services for people who have a one in lifetime event – e.g. major road traffic accidents. Following a review of whether the specialised services for major trauma meet the required specification, further work is being undertaken to consider how the service can be best delivered.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</p>