



Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
NHS Manchester Update: January 2009

This is the monthly update paper produced by NHS Manchester (previously known as Manchester Primary Care Trust) for the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. NHS Manchester is responsible for ensuring that funding for health services is targeted where it is needed the most, that NHS care is of the highest standards and ultimately that local people lead longer, healthier lives. The update covers a range of topics that may be of interest to the Committee.

1. NHS Operating Framework 2009-10 and funding allocations

The NHS Operating Framework for 2009-10 has been published by the Department of Health, setting out the priorities that will be shared by NHS organisations across the country. The top five priorities identified nationally are broadly the same as the current year's and will continue to be an important influence on NHS Manchester's activities, while allowing for priorities we have identified with local stakeholders to also be addressed. The main national priorities are:

1. Improving standards of cleanliness and tackling healthcare associated infections.
2. Improving access to care through the achievement of the 18-week referral to treatment pledge and improving access to GP services, including at evenings and at weekends.
3. Improving the health of adults and children and reducing health inequalities, by focusing on improving care for cancer and stroke and paying particular attention to children's health, particularly in the most deprived areas of the country.
4. Improving patient experience, staff satisfaction and engagement.
5. Preparing to respond in a state of emergency, such as an outbreak of pandemic influenza.

The funding allocations for primary care trusts over the next two years have also been announced. NHS Manchester will receive an uplift of 11.7% over the two year period, which includes funding in line with expectations for next year (5.5%) and slightly higher growth in 2010-11 (5.9%). This period of significant funding increases will be coming to an end and the NHS has for some time been planning for slower growth from 2011-12 onwards.

2. Equitable Access to Primary Medical Services

Further to previous updates, the process of procuring three new general practices under this national programme to improve local access to a GP is continuing. Progress also continues with the procurement of a new GP-led health centre that will open 12-hours a day, 7 days-a-week and be located in the city centre.

All four procurement processes are taking place concurrently but are separate contracts. Details of chosen service providers will be announced as and when

contracts are finalised and the Committee will also be kept informed with regards to specific sites for each of the new services.

3. Out-of-Hours GP service

The process of introducing improvements to out-of-hours GP services across Manchester will move forward in January. New service provider GTDHarmoni, which was awarded the contract following a procurement process, will take on responsibility for delivering GP services outside normal working hours from 1 April 2009. From January representatives of GTDHarmoni are holding a series of meetings with NHS Manchester and local stakeholders to ensure arrangements are in place for a smooth transition.

GTDHarmoni will succeed two different service providers currently operating separate contracts across Manchester. The new service will aim to make out-of-hours care more accessible by offering appointments at three locations across the north, central and south of the city and dealing with patients who walk in for an appointment in addition to those who make contact by telephone.

4. Be Cotsafe campaign

NHS Manchester has been working in partnership with the Foundation of the Study of Infant Deaths to launch a high profile campaign aimed at reducing the incidence of cot death. Figures suggest that around 60% of sudden infant deaths in Manchester happen as a result of the child sleeping in bed with their parents or on the sofa.

The campaign is using a variety of methods to encourage parents to ensure their baby always sleeps in a cot, with information being distributed at a variety of venues ranging from GP and dental surgeries to supermarkets and pubs. Midwives and local maternity units are also involved in providing information about the campaign directly to the parents of every baby born in the city.

Updates and further information on most of the issues covered here will be brought to future meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, if you would like further information about any of the items covered here, please contact:

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APPENDIX

Forward Plan

The Forward Plan is an overview of forthcoming milestones for NHS Manchester.

Timescale	Issue	Summary
Imminent	Complete procurement process for three new GP practice contracts	Three contracts to run new GP services have been out to tender as part of a national programme to address 'under-doctored' areas.
Imminent	Complete procurement process for new GP-led health centre	A contract to run a new GP-led health centre has been out to tender as part of a national programme to establish one such centre in each PCT area.
April 2009	Standards for Better Health declaration	Self-declaration of performance against the Standards for Better Health submitted.
April 2009	New GP Out-of-Hours arrangements commence	GTDHarmoni commences operation of improved out-of-hours GP service for all Manchester patients.
June-July 2009	Relocation of all services from Booth Hall Children's Hospital to new facilities	Services at Booth Hall Children's Hospital will relocate, with the most specialist services transferring to the new children's hospital in central Manchester and other services including outpatients and Accident and Emergency transferring to North Manchester General Hospital.