

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: 15 July 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

Not applicable

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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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
Adult ADHD <i>Consultation</i>	Report drafting	Consultation launched on 23 rd April and concluded on 17 th June 2025. Response rates have been good, outperforming expectations, with over 2,500 engaging with the consultation either in person, through the survey, or on social media. A report is being drafted. Date of JHSC: 16 th July 2024
Children's ADHD <i>Engagement</i>	Implementation	There are currently long waiting times for children's ADHD diagnosis services. Engagement is complete and the project is in implementation phase. Date of JHSC: 18 th February 2025
IVF cycles <i>Consultation</i>	Consultation	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. NHS GM Board approved consultation in May 2025 and the consultation launched on 18 th June and will run for 6 weeks. Date of JHSC: 16 th July 2024

Specialised commissioning cardiac and arterial vascular surgery <i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i>	NHS England Assurance	<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>Date of JHSC: Winter 2025 (TBC)</p>
Specialist weight management <i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i>	Engagement	<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: TBC</p>
Diabetes structured education <i>Engagement</i>	Project implementation	<p>A consistent offer of structured diabetes education is being designed for the whole of Greater Manchester that meets the needs of all communities. Engagement was undertaken in early 2025 to seek feedback and ideas from communities and people with type 2 diabetes. A new education programme is currently in development using the insight from the engagement.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 17th June 2025</p>
Safe and Sustainable Specialised Services for Babies and Children <i>Engagement followed by possible consultation</i>	Preparing for engagement	<p>The NW Women & 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.</p>

		<p>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>Procedures of Limited Clinical Value</p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	Engagement planning	<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: 10th December 2024 / 21st January 2025</p>
<p>Major Trauma</p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	Engagement planning	<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. Targeted engagement is due to launch shortly.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 18th March 2025</p>
<p>Paediatric Audiology</p> <p><i>Engagement</i></p>	Engagement planning	<p>A review of hospital paediatric audiology services is currently being undertaken. Following initial audits, engagement will be planned.</p> <p>Date of JHSC: 17th June 2025</p>