

# Flash Report - Stockport Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)

<b>Report To (Meeting):</b>	One Stockport Health and Care Board		
<b>Report From: (Committee Chair)</b>	David Dolman, Associate Director of Finance, NHS Greater Manchester (Stockport)		
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<b>Date:</b>	29 February 2024	<b>Agenda Item</b>	12
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Assurance</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>X</b>

**Date of meetings:** 13 December 2023 and 31 January 2024

**Summary of updates provided during two meetings:**

**An update from Stockport Primary Care Board (16 November 2023 & 18 January 2024):**

Items discussed at the meeting included:

- An update on community prescribing from the Stockport Integrated Pharmacy Service (SIPS) team at Viaduct Care.
- Greater Manchester (GM) Primary Care Board were reviewing its Terms of Reference (ToR); once this task had been completed, the ToR for the locality could be reviewed.
- Key processes were to be updated – all members of Primary Care (general practice, optometry, pharmacy and dental) were asked to provide a sit-rep (current position for each service).
- Data was shared highlighting that Stockport benchmarked higher than other areas across primary care but it was acknowledged that further interrogation of the data was required to understand the position of specific areas such as dental and community pharmacy.
- The Community Pharmacy update included enhanced services such as the minor ailment service included within the Locally Commissioned Service (LCS), national benchmarking and challenges regarding closure of pharmacies and workforce.
- A representative from the SIPS team briefed on the workplan – Stockport was first in place in GM in terms of weighted prescribing costs and will be required to deliver c5% efficiencies in 2024/25.
- A recommendation was submitted and subsequently approved by Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to extend the surge capacity hub to support general practices from December and January to the end of March 2024, commissioned via Mastercall (out of hours provider).

An update was provided on the Pharmacy First Scheme, a new advanced service, to be launched on 31 January 2024 following a national communications campaign. It would cover seven conditions including:

1. Sinusitis.
2. Sore Throat.
3. Earache.
4. Infected insect bite.
5. Impetigo.
6. Shingles.
7. Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in women.

These would be treated via self-referral to the Pharmacy but could come through the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) via the GP. It should reduce the demand on general practice.

**Highlight report on Locality Primary Care Quality**

Key highlights presented at the meeting included:

- Quality and Performance across primary care remained high but there was limited data for certain areas.

- Await data from a new GM dashboard – once this was live it would be monitored. Stockport would align with the GM measures
- Stockport remained in the top quartile in the country for cervical smears and screening and Covid-19 vaccine uptake. There was a gap in the uptake for the flu vaccine as the data was not yet available.
- The next round of quality visits to practices had commenced these would take place throughout the 2024.

### **Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)**

Stockport locality was expected to utilise 100% of its funding for ARRS. There remained a challenge for Primary Care Networks to commit to recruitment to future ARRS roles due to uncertainty on future funding mechanisms, yet to be announced by the government.

### **Update on Locally Commissioned Services (LCS)**

The first set of data from all practices had been received in October 2023 to monitor each measure within the contract. Await a NHS Greater Manchester (NHS GM) dashboard to enable benchmarking. A draft GM process for LCS appeals had been produced and was likely to be adopted by each locality. Progress was being made on each indicator, particularly in Neighbourhoods and population health.

### **Covid-19 vaccination update**

Stockport continued to perform well against its peers across GM for all but one measure. There had been targeted focus on hard-to-reach cohorts including asylum seekers and pop-up clinics had been delivered supported by Everest Pharmacy at the Olive Branch (a community centre supporting vulnerable cohorts) in Edgeley – this had been successful. It was noted that hospital admissions due to Covid-19 were much lower than in previous years, in part thanks to a successful vaccination programme in Stockport.

### **Estates Improvement Grant Bids**

Bids from six practices in Stockport had been successful to secure funding to make improvements / reconfigure space within existing premises.

### **Finance Report for the period ending 30 November 2023 – Month 8 & 9**

A £0.256m favourable year to date variance and a £0.366m favourable forecast outturn variance was reported against NHS GM (Stockport) delegated primary care budget.

### **Key decisions taken**

#### **Decisions Taken:**

- None taken.

#### **Assurance provided:**

- All six Primary Care Networks (PCNs) were likely to utilise 100% of Additional Roles Reimburse Scheme funding by 31 March 2024.
- Vaccinations for the over-65s had a figure of 76% (well above the GM and national figures).

#### **Actions noted:**

- To receive a list of Stockport Pharmacies participating in the Pharmacy First Scheme.
- Identify any areas for development and gaps in service provision on receipt of the GM dashboard.
- Review and refresh the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Group, when the NHS GM Primary care Committee ToR review is complete.

### **Matters referred to the Locality Board for approval, debate or further consideration**

Not applicable.