

**NHS GM ENFORCEMENT UNDERTAKINGS AND SINGLE IMPROVEMENT PLAN****Report of the Deputy Place Lead****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the decision by NHS England to issue NHS GM with enforcement undertakings and to set out how NHS GM will respond.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 NHS England (NHSE) has identified reasonable grounds to suspect NHS GM is failing or has failed to discharge some of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) functions as set out in the National Health Service Act 2006. In their position as regulator NHSE have requested the ICB accept direct undertakings to support improvement in the following areas, known as “Pillars”:

- Leadership and governance
- Financial planning
- Performance and
- Quality of care

- 2.2 The NHSE Provider Oversight Assurance Framework clearly sets out the expectations and impact for compliance against the enforced undertakings. Failure to comply with the requirements of the undertakings will result in further formal action being taken by NHS England.

**3. NHS GM INTEGRATED CARE BOARD RESPONSE**

- 3.1 NHS GM is committed to responding to the grounds for the undertakings and is embarking on an improvement journey to ensure the ICB is fit for the future.
- 3.2 Delivery arrangements to secure a robust response to the enforcement undertakings have been established. A named executive from NHS GM has been identified for each of the pillars and a System Improvement Board and a System Improvement Team have been temporarily established to drive forward the improvements.

**4. SINGLE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- 4.1 Since May 2024 the ICB has been developing a single improvement plan to respond to the areas identified by NHSE, with specific priorities being agreed for each of the pillars, as set out in the Improvement Plan on a page. The draft improvement plan has been shared with NHS England as part of ongoing assurance processes.
- 4.2 The Improvement plan has been developed collaboratively using expertise from across GM health and care organisations and independent external challenge has been invited on the priorities and content of the plan.

4.3 The GM ICB Board will have overall accountability for the implementation of the improvement plan and assurance to NHS England and will therefore receive regular update reports. Completion of the actions within the improvement plan will require sign off by NHS England through monthly assurance meetings.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The NHS GM Integrated Care Board accepted the Enforcement Undertakings issued to it at its public meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and supported the arrangements established to deliver the NHS GM ICB response.

5.2 NHS GM Integrated Care Board also agreed to the four pillars of the improvement plan and the priorities identified within each in response to the grounds for the undertakings.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the Enforcement Undertakings issued to the NHS GM ICB
- Note the four pillars of the improvement plan and the priorities identified within each in response to the grounds for the undertakings.