

Introduction and Background

The Stockport Locality Quality Group (SLQG) meets monthly to oversee the quality, safety, and performance of health and care services for the Stockport population. This includes input from local providers and the wider Integrated Care Board (ICB), including out-of-area services.

The SLQG reviews system-wide quality, safety, and performance data, identifies risks, holds stakeholders accountable, and celebrates good practice. Information from Stockport and external providers is analysed to agree on actions. This briefing outlines key work priorities and highlights any significant challenges for the Board's attention.

Rapid Quality Reviews

Paediatric Audiology at Stockport NHS FT 5 Year Lookback Exercise

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust (SFT) provide paediatric audiology services, including newborn screening for all eligible babies. In October 2023, a whistle blower raised concerns in relation to the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test results for four children who had been tested at Stockport. An initial sample review highlighted further cases where ABR testing was found to be unreliable with potential for delayed identification of hearing loss for some of the children involved.

The need for a wider cohort of patients for review was identified and a Rapid Quality Review (RQR) commenced, led by NHS Greater Manchester (GM) (Stockport Locality). The wider cohort review is expected to be completed week commencing the 9th of December 2024, the findings of this review will be shared with the locality board in the new year.

Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) is a process that evaluates how a policy, project, or scheme may impact people with protected characteristics, and ensure that it does not unlawfully discriminate against them.

EQIAs are used to:

- Analyse policies and practices to ensure they do not discriminate or disadvantage people.
- Promote or improve equality.
- Check the potential impact of policies and proposals on equalities groups.

GM policy states that EQIA should be completed before any system change can be authorized. All EQIA's that have system impact are presented for review and sign off at the locality quality group.

The schemes presented this month relate to the financial recovery plan. A long list of schemes was identified for possible in year savings. Information of the schemes have been detailed in the finance paper.