NHS Greater Manchester, one of the largest integrated care systems in the country, serves a diverse population of 2.8 million. We need to support people to live happy, healthy lives by providing high-quality, accessible healthcare services, focusing on preventing illnesses where possible or early detection of illness.

To make sure that the NHS can provide the best care for the maximum number of people it is vital that every penny is spent wisely. This means only funding treatments that have been demonstrated to work and where there is also a high likelihood of benefit for as many people as possible and a low likelihood of harm. We always have to bear in mind that carrying out treatment that is not of great health benefit uses up resources that could be spent on really making a difference elsewhere.

To improve the quality and efficiency of services, NHS GM is reviewing a list of procedures to make sure they are only used when genuinely needed. This is expected to be completed by the end of the March 2025.

The attached stakeholder briefing provides more information and what it means for patients. It has also been published on our website Review of some procedures | Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership.

We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.