

# MONTHLY CONTRACTOR UPDATE FROM YOUR LPC COMMITTEE

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## Introduction

This short report aims to keep you up to date with key news about Greater Manchester LPC's work on behalf of local pharmacy contractors and your teams. It is in addition to our weekly newsletters. The LPC Committee meets every two months and, when it does, we will also include a short summary of what was discussed and agreed. You can access further information about LPC meetings [here](#).

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## LPN proposals for pharmacy in Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester Pharmacy Local Professional Network – which spans the whole sector, including hospital pharmacy – has presented its proposals for how the profession can contribute to local health and social care in coming years by focusing on health and wellbeing, patient safety and consistent service delivery. These priorities are underpinned by programmes for workforce development, engagement and IT.

The proposals were presented to the Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership's Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), which oversees devolved health and care services. You can [read the LPN proposals here](#).

At Greater Manchester LPC, we are developing a vision for community pharmacy that will be shared with contractors and presented to the SPB in due course.

## GMMMG vote & seven-day prescribing policy

Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMMG) is developing a policy to help standardise seven-day prescribing across Greater Manchester. Greater Manchester and Bolton LPCs are being consulted, along with the local medical committees. The GMLPC Committee discussed the draft at its July meeting and is feeding back comments. The policy aims to make it easier for CCGs to ensure common practice between different GP surgeries, helping pharmacies and patients.

Another important development is that GMLPC is now a voting member of the GMMMG, giving community pharmacy a powerful voice in medicines strategy across the city region.

## Pharmacy standards in development

Greater Manchester's Pharmacy Advisory Group – which represents all pharmacists in primary care and feeds into GMHSCP's Strategic Partnership Board – is developing a series of standards for pharmacy. It follows the development of similar standards for GP practices and aims to support pharmacies in achieving consistent quality and share good practice. GMLPC is involved in the development of the proposals, and ensuring they are workable for community pharmacy.



## Promotional items for flu vaccination service

The GMLPC Committee agreed at its July meeting that we will provide pharmacies with free promotional materials to help you publicise the NHS flu vaccination service this season. The resource pack is likely to include posters, flyers with space to add your pharmacy details and appointments (if relevant), balloons, and badges for staff to wear. We will write to pharmacies nearer the time with details of how to order a pack.

## GMLPC strategy, 6-month report, and conference & AGM

We have recently published the [GMLPC Strategy 2017-19](#) and a [report on progress in our first six months](#) since being formed in October 2016.

We have also confirmed our keynote speech and a fantastic line-up of speakers and CPD seminars for the Greater Manchester Community Pharmacy Conference and GMLPC AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Our keynote speaker will be Jon Rouse, Chief Officer of Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership, and the day-long programme is designed to support contractors and pharmacy teams with the many challenges the sector faces right now. We will also shortly issue formal notification of our AGM with draft accounts and voting papers. The full agenda and booking link will also be published in our weekly newsletter in the next couple of weeks.

## Greater Manchester Inhaler Service

The new inhaler service for Greater Manchester launches on 1<sup>st</sup> August. GMLPC worked with Bolton LPC to negotiate the new service with commissioners, organise training and finalise the PharmOutcomes module. We are also producing resources to help pharmacies promote and implement the new service. These include FAQs and posters and prescription bag stickers that you can print off from our website.

## Trafford AF pilot

A pilot involving Trafford pharmacies in enhancing care of people with atrial fibrillation and reducing their stroke risk is being implemented in stages. GMLPC has been working with the programme team to ensure the IT interface is appropriate. We are keeping contractors involved with the pilot informed.

## North Manchester EPS RD pilot

Good progress with the electronic repeat dispensing pilot in North Manchester continues. The pilot is being managed by GMLPC and is going live in stages from April to September. GMLPC clinical staff are visiting each GP practice beforehand to provide training and support. You can read more in this [short report](#).

## Healthy Living Pharmacy training

We can now announce five more HLP Leadership training sessions and five more HLP Champions training sessions for pharmacies in Greater Manchester. It follows our successful bid with Bolton LPC for funding from Health Education England.



Leadership training lasts one day and the dates and venues are below. You can book onto it now at <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/leadership-w-03/> using the keycode **GMHLPLLead** (note: the keycode is case sensitive).

HLP Leadership:

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sep – Falmouth Suite, Honeywell Centre, Oldham
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sep – Hough End, Manchester
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October – Friends Meeting Room, Bolton
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October – Cherry Suite, Bredbury Hall, Stockport
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Flowers Suite, Chancellors Hotel, Fallowfield

HLP Champions training lasts two days and will also be in September and October. Full details and a booking link will be published soon.

NHS England and PSNC have also confirmed that pharmacies registering achievement of HLP Level 1 for November's Quality Payments should continue to follow the guidance for April's Quality Payments.

### Pharmacy planner & contract guide

We've produced a [calendar](#) with key deadlines including quarterly NMS/MUR submissions dates, along with a [short guide](#) to help pharmacies comply with their contract.

### Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments

The PNA processes for several localities including Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport and Tameside are now underway. We are attending the PNA meetings and sharing information and surveys, where relevant, via the weekly newsletter and emails.

### Farewell to Sarah

We have said a sad farewell to Sarah Woods, our Contractor Quality Support Lead, who has now completed her time at GMLPC. Sarah did an enormous amount to support contractors through the introduction of Quality Payments, and other key areas including patient safety. We'd like to thank Sarah for all her hard work for GMLPC and its predecessors. She starts her PhD this autumn and has also begun a new role with NICE.