

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health

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Purpose of the Report

For the Board to receive an overview of the Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health, have the opportunity to provide feedback on the suite of standards and consider local adoption and implementation.

Executive Summary

Following the development of a Greater Manchester Population Health Outcomes Framework, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership has coordinated a programme of work to develop a suite of core standards for population health. Public Health Practitioners and subject matter experts from the 10 Greater Manchester localities have co-designed a suite of *Greater Manchester Standards for Population Health* describing the evidence-based activity proven to improve population health outcomes for 7 core population health themes:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Oral Health
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Drug and Alcohol service standards
- Physical activity
- Health Protection
- Tobacco Control

Linked to the [GM Population Health Outcomes Framework](#), the Standards aim to reduce variation in population health outcomes across our city regions, and to increase uptake of activities which are proven to be effective. The Standards for the above themes have been consolidated into a single document to provide localities with an evidence-based tool to review current local activity and identify any gaps in evidence.

Greater Manchester Standards for Population Health were endorsed by Greater Manchester Directors of Public Health Group in March 2019 with the recommendation that they be shared with locality Health and Wellbeing Boards for local implementation.

Recommendations/Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

There is no compulsion for localities to adopt or implement Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health. However, this document provides localities with an evidence-based tool to enable population health / public health practitioners to review current practice and identify any gaps in evidence.

Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to:

- Review GM Population Health Common Standards for each topic area
- Provide feedback on the GM Population Health Common Standards
- Endorse the use of GM Population Health Common Standards within the locality

Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health

1. Background

- 1.1. In March 2017, following a [review of the current public health system across Greater Manchester](#), Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership (GMHSCP) agreed to a set of proposals to facilitate the creation of a unified population health system to support the delivery of the [Greater Manchester Population Health Plan](#) at pace and scale.
- 1.2. This included a commitment to the reduction of unwanted variation in standards and outcomes and an ambition to see a more consistent adoption of evidence-based practice and the use of benchmarking data. This confirms the vision to drive improvements in population health across and within Greater Manchester and through the 10 GM localities, reducing inequalities and setting outcomes that are aligned to place based priorities.
- 1.3. The creation of a Greater Manchester Population Health Outcomes Framework (and accompanying on-line [Dashboard](#)) enables us to focus upon the key Population Health outcomes which adversely impact upon the health and wellbeing of the GM population and seeks to place focus and emphasis on a number of key indicators.
- 1.4. The Framework was reviewed and endorsed by GMHSCP Performance and Delivery Board on 14th March 2018, and GMHSCP Senior Management Team on 20th March 2018, and was formally signed off by GM Population Health Programme Board on 29th March 2018.
- 1.5. In order to reduce variance, enhance consistency and improve population health outcomes across Greater Manchester, a programme of work has been undertaken to develop a suite of core **Common Standards for Population Health in Greater Manchester**.
- 1.6. Under the leadership of Wendy Meston, Consultant in Public Health, Rochdale Council, existing and new Greater Manchester task groups have worked to consolidate existing standards, evidence and guidance to produce a suite of Population Health Common Standards for key areas of Population Health activity. The Standards are designed to support localities to achieve the best health gain for their population, and to reduce unwanted variation in population health outcomes across Greater Manchester.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. This first publication of GM Common Standards for Population Health provides standards for 7 population health themes. Additional standards will be developed in due course for more population health topic areas.

3. Data and Intelligence

- 3.1. Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health seek to drive improvements in population health outcomes for 7 thematic areas by describing evidence-based activities known to improve population health.
- 3.2. The evidence-base used to develop Common Standards is drawn from a range of publications which include clinical expertise, current best evidence, and client/patient perspectives. Web-links to these publications are embedded throughout the pack.

4. Links to Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

- 4.1. Each suite of Standards describes the activity required in any defined place / locality to support continuous improvement in population health outcomes.

5. Key Issues for Health and Wellbeing Board to Discuss

- 5.1. Initial feedback on the pack and views on local implementation.

6. Key Questions for Health and Wellbeing Board to Consider

- 6.1. Will the Board consider adopting and using Greater Manchester Common Standards for Population Health within the locality?

7. Additional Supporting Information

- 7.1 GM Common Standards for Population Health align with population health outcomes detailed in the [Greater Manchester Population Health Outcomes Framework](#)

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Details of Greater Manchester groups consulted for each population health theme are recorded in the pack.

9. Appendices

- 9.1. Appendix 1 – GM Common Standards for Population Health Pack