

Health and Social Care E-Bulletin - Issue 3 Thursday 25th January 2018

Welcome to the GMCVO Health and Social Care newsletter which contains all the latest news relating to the Health and Social Care Devolution agenda in Greater Manchester together with information about related events, reports and surveys which we hope will be of interest.

You are receiving this bulletin as you have signed up to receive our Health and Social Care Devolution Bulletin. These updates will now be sent out on a weekly basis. Please feel free to forward this bulletin onto your contacts and networks who can subscribe to receive their own regular copy by clicking here.

We hope you will find these bulletins to be informative and interesting.

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General information**GM VCSE Devolution Reference Group**

The GM VCSE Devolution Reference Group is a small group of people from support organisations and service providers, who are working to strengthen the voice and involvement of the VCSE sector in devolution. They are collaborating closely with GMCVO. For more information on the reference group, please [click here](#).

Memorandum of Understanding between the Health and Social Care Partnership and VCSE in GM

On 12th May 2017 representatives of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Greater Manchester Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector.

The MoU was negotiated on behalf of the VCSE sector - comprising almost 15,000 organisations - by Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO) and the VCSE Devolution Reference Group. This powerful document is intended to transform the relationship between local VCSE organisations and the statutory sector, and to include all groups involved with health, social care and wellbeing.

To find out more about this agreement and what it means for the VCSE sector in GM [click here](#).

More information of Health and Social Care Devolution

To find out more about the Health and Social Care Devolution agenda in GM and the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership in this arena [click here](#)

News**Historic Carers charter signed to boost support for 280,000 GM carers**

On the 19th January 2018, Greater Manchester made a historic and collective commitment to transform how carers are supported in their invaluable role through the signing of a Greater Manchester Carers Charter by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership organisations including voluntary, community and social enterprise groups. It builds on the aims of the Care Act 2014 and agrees to

acknowledge, respect and provide support and opportunities for carers, of which there are at least 280,000 in Greater Manchester.

A driving force behind the charter has been Lynne Stafford, Chief Executive of the Gaddum Centre, VCSE Reference Group member and Chair of the Greater Manchester Carers Partnership. We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to Lynne for her tireless commitment to this initiative which has resulted in making this charter a reality

To find out more about the Charter, what it means for carers and its priorities for the next twelve months [click here](#).

GM VCSE representation at All Party Parliamentary Group Question Time on Health and Social Care Services in Greater Manchester: Healthy Lives and Quality Care

The latest meeting of the GM All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) was held on Friday 19th January 2018. The meeting was chaired by Lucy Powell MP and organised by Devo Connect www.devoconnect.co.uk. Alex Whinnom, Chief Executive of GMCVO was a panel member along with Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Jon Rouse, Chief Officer of GM Health and Social Care Partnership and Lord Peter Smith, Chair of the Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board. Simone Spray, Chief Executive of 42nd Street and VCSE Reference Group member, presented on the approach to mental health with Tom Tasker, Chair of Salford CCG. The objective of the event was to brief MPs about the Health and Social Care devolution agenda over the next six months, with a particular focus in urgent care, population health and mental health.

Highlights from the meeting were a statement from Andy Burnham that “health and social care in Greater Manchester could become a beacon of hope for elsewhere. We can and will do things differently and better”. Acknowledgment was made by all speakers of the massively important value of community, voluntary and social enterprise within this agenda across GM. This was reinforced by reference being made to the Accord signed on behalf of the GMCA by Andy Burnham in November 2017 which demonstrates how the health devolution agenda allows for a new relationship between VCSE sector, the Combined Authority and the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

Prize Fund for Innovation in Health & Social Care within VCSE sector

Does your organisation deliver innovative work in Health and Social Care in Greater Manchester? Find out about how you can win a prize for it.

We have already had a significant number of VCSE organisations submit examples of innovative and successful projects they are running. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to let us know about you are doing and potentially earn a prize for work.

GMCVO, on behalf of the Greater Manchester VCSE Devolution Reference Group, is leading on a project to implement the Memorandum of Understanding that sets out a way for the VCSE sector in Greater Manchester to be better engaged and linked in with the Health and Social Care devolution agenda in GM. Through offering this prize fund we hope to gather valuable insight into the contribution of the VCSE sector around the 6 defined themes in order to better show the public sector within GM what innovative projects and activities are being carried out across GM within our sector.

To find out more about the themes, details regarding the prizes on offer and how to submit an entry, please [click here](#).

GMCVO Events

Save the Date!! Equalities and Health Follow up event - Monday 26th February 2018

Following on from the previous Equalities and Health Assembly held in November 2017, a follow on event is planned to take place on the 26th February 2018. Further details regarding this event, including how to book a place, will be included in this bulletin in due course.

External Events

Greater Manchester Making Smoking History Conference on 12 February 2018, 9.30am- 4.30pm, Manchester city centre

To register for a place on this Conference or to find out more, please visit the following link: ['Making Smoking History in Greater Manchester'](#) Please use the following password: smokefree2018.

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