

Greater Manchester Health and Care Workforce Collaborative **UPDATE**

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Introducing the Virtual Workforce Information System (VWIS)

We are pleased to update that following a successful bid to the Workforce Collaborative, work is now underway to develop a tool which will provide a virtual representation of Greater Manchester's Local Care Organisation workforce, named the Virtual Workforce Information System (VWIS). The project board met for the first time in February and the pilot has launched, working with organisations across Manchester, Oldham and Bolton.

Once developed, the Virtual Workforce Information System will amalgamate existing workforce data flows onto a single platform allowing a view of the workforce that makes up the Greater Manchester Local Care Organisations. This means that for the first time HR directors, locality decision makers and managers will be able to develop workforce strategies while taking into account integrated health and social care teams.

The VWIS project team will be presenting at forums over the coming months to explain data collection and visualisation, while putting in place information governance arrangements with partner organisations. Following the pilot phase of the project, the functionality will be available to other localities through a phased approach over the next 12 months.

For more information, please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.

Advanced Clinical Practitioner Application Process is now OPEN

The application process for funding to support the development of Advanced Clinical Practitioner roles is now open. The deadline for applications is midnight on **Friday 12th April 2019**.

Applications are to be made via an on line survey which can be accessed here;
<https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/advanced-clinical-practitioner-2019-20-gm>

Please email gmworkforce@hee.nhs.uk for more information and supporting documents.

Filling Difficult Gaps Summit update

On 12th March 2019 we ran our 'Filling Difficult Gaps' summit which was a great success. Over 100 people from a wide spectrum of public services joined us at Manchester Museum of Science & Industry. Here, attendees enjoyed key presentations and engaging best practice discussions with Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Greater Manchester Police's Positive Action Team, CLAHRC and Salford CCG, Future Directions and Bolton NHS Foundation Trust.

Participants also enjoyed the chance to participate in a number of workshops delivered by a variety of organisations which focused on international recruitment, preparing for Technical Levels, preparing our workforce to deliver the digital future, The Greater Manchester Model – unified public services for the people of Greater Manchester, and utilising the HEE Star Tool across health and social care.

We are continuing to gather feedback from attendees but our thematic approach of focusing on one priority area worked well. We used feedback from previous summits to plan out the day e.g. moving to mid-week with a later start time, and we know that participants welcomed the range of organisations involved and the variety of sessions on offer.

These summits are valuable opportunities to receive updates on Greater-Manchester wide programmes and initiatives and a great platform for sharing best practice. We are hoping to run another summit in October. We will let you know the theme and date as soon as possible. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.

Building a Career in Primary Care Careers & Jobs Fair, 3rd April 2019

We would like to spread the word even further regarding the **Building a Career in Primary Care Careers & Jobs Fair** taking place on 3rd April at 2-7pm. Where possible please let your fellow colleagues and stakeholders know about this event through your own e-bulletins and comms channels. You could also retweet messages from our account @gm_hsc

Event: Building a Career in Primary Care Careers & Jobs Fair
Location: Charter Foyer, Manchester Central Convention Complex, M2 3GX
Date: Wednesday 3rd April 2019
Time: 2pm - 7pm
How to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-a-career-in-primary-care-tickets-56121953273?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Details:

Come along to the first Greater Manchester-wide career and jobs fair for general practice, pharmacy, dentistry and optometry. It is a free event and open to education leavers, job seekers, career changers, health and care professionals or those looking to start a career in the sector.

There will be a whole host of stands that highlight the different careers available in primary care; from medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, dentistry, to healthcare assistants, practice managers, wider support roles and many more. There will be advice on hand regarding the pathways into the sector – from apprenticeships, to college courses, degrees and further professional development. Attendees will also have the chance to speak to education and training providers and find out how to apply for current vacancies.

Get in touch

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