

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

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Help recognise our health and care champions

Nominations are currently open for this year's Greater Manchester Health and Care Champion Awards. They are the only Greater Manchester-wide awards to recognise members of our paid and unpaid workforce who regularly go above and beyond to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Greater Manchester.

There are ten awards recognising the different but equally important contributions people make, from colleagues working together across different organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of their residents, to students and apprentices, emerging rising stars and innovators.

The awards are organised by GMHSCP with support from the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham and in partnership with Hits Radio and the Manchester Evening News.

Nominations can be completed here: www.gmchampionawards.co.uk and must be returned by the deadline of **15th March 2019**. The winners will be announced at a sponsored event on 4th July 2019.

We would welcome your support in promoting the awards within your organisations and networks. If you would like a copy of our communications pack, please email gm.awards@nhs.net.

Filling Difficult Gaps Summit

We are now almost fully booked for the next full meeting of the Greater Manchester Health and Care Workforce Collaborative, which is taking place **on Tuesday 12th March 2019**.

This event will focus on our '**Filling Difficult Gaps**' strategic priority and will involve key discussions and workshops on areas such as our 2019/20 priorities as a Collaborative, preparing our workforce for the digital future, international recruitment and the Greater Manchester Model for Public Service.

If you haven't yet signed up and would like to secure one of the last spots please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.

Building a career in primary care

On 3rd April at Manchester Central we are bringing together employers, trainers and educators for 'Building a career in primary care'; the first Greater Manchester-wide career and jobs fair for general practice, pharmacy, dentistry and optometry. The event will be the first time partners across primary care, including general practice, optometry, pharmacy and dentistry, have come together to showcase the variety of careers available in primary care.

Following a closed session in the morning with schools, the open fair in the afternoon will have a whole host of stands that highlight the different careers available in primary care. There will also be advice on hand on the pathways into the sector – from apprenticeships, to college courses, degrees and further professional development.

This is a really exciting opportunity to champion careers and pathways into primary care. If you are interested in supporting the event; either as a stallholder or perhaps you are a primary care professional who could support the schools session as an ambassador, please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.

Workforce Collaborative funding applications

We are currently seeking applications for the Greater Manchester Workforce Collaborative Fund in 2019/20. We have contacted locality workforce leads and key networks/partners working across Greater Manchester to invite applications. The deadline for submissions is **1st March**. Applications must demonstrate alignment to key workforce-related criteria and demonstrate either a Greater Manchester-wide impact or that they are replicable/ scalable across Greater Manchester following a local pilot. If you are looking to submit an application for a locality pilot then please coordinate this with your respective locality workforce lead. For more information contact gm.workforce@nhs.net

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week 2019 is taking place 4th-8th March and this year we will be celebrating our Greater Manchester Public Sector Apprenticeships with a special event at Churchgate House, Oxford Street, Manchester. There will be guest speakers and a chance to hear from some of our apprentices themselves as well as lunch and refreshments. Tickets are limited, and preference will be given to current apprentices, but for more information contact Philip.pennill@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

National social care recruitment campaign

The Department of Health and Social Care launched its national adult social care workforce recruitment campaign on 12th February. The campaign aims to raise the image and attractiveness of the sector as a career choice, and boost domestic recruitment. You can view the campaign site [here](#). The campaign will be supported by a North West regional spotlight event which is scheduled to take place on 25th February.

We have worked closely with Skills for Care and North West ADASS to encourage providers of adult social care services across Greater Manchester to promote any job opportunities on the Department of Work and Pension job pages, which is where interested parties will be directed. For more information please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.

Medical PMO update

We're pleased to update that the Greater Medical Workforce Programme Management Office (PMO) Delivery Group met for the first time at the beginning of February. The meeting focused primarily on ensuring that the governance arrangements for the PMO were robust and that membership of the Delivery Group included representatives from across the system.

Nominations to join the four workforce task and finish groups (Grow our Own, Filling Difficult Gaps, Employment Offer and Talent Development and System Leadership) are still welcome - please contact Karen Fentem, Head of the Medical Workforce PMO, karen.fentem@nhs.net, should you wish to find out more. The workforce task and finish groups are responsible for delivering projects, such as joint working on international recruitment; developing a collaborative medical bank; embedding physician associate roles; development of an emergency response register; development of a memorandum of understanding to facilitate cross-boundary working; and development programmes for middle grade doctors. We will continue to keep you updated.

Get in touch

If you would like to get in touch or ask for more information on anything in this update please email gm.workforce@nhs.net.