**Expression of Interest for**

**NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group**

**Introduction**

As we move forward with our ambitions to tackle poverty as a driver of poor health, we are stepping down the steering group and establishing an NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group to provide direction and oversight. This group will report to the NHS GM Population Health Committee.

**Background**

Poverty is the single biggest driver of ill health, and the relationship is bi-directional: Poverty causes ill health, and ill health causes poverty.

Greater Manchester is a disproportionately deprived area within England. The reasons for this are structural, and longstanding.

25% of Greater Manchester’s residents live in the most deprived 10% of areas in England.

Almost 150,000 children are living in Poverty in Greater Manchester.

Healthcare costs caused by poverty are around £29 billion a year in the UK.

NHS GM ICP Joint Forward Plan has made a commitment to “Enhance the Role of NHS GM in Tackling Poverty as a Driver of Poor Health”.

**Reasons for requesting VCSE participation**

The VCSE sector play a critical role in supporting people experiencing financial hardship / poverty.

To ensure that that sector is involved in shaping, designing and delivering the NHS GM strategic approach to tackling poverty.

**Objectives of the NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group**

* To oversee the effective delivery and progress against the Tackling Poverty Key Deliverables as agreed in the Population Health Business Plan.
* To report to and take direction from the Population Health Committee.
* To use insight, intelligence, and evidence to co-ordinate targeted interventions and activity to address poverty in GM.
* Ensure that the voices and insights of local people are heard, considered, and applied.
* Collectively contribute to opportunities to shape and influence local and national policy and strategy.

**Representation**

The chair will be a senior member of the NHS GM Population Health Team. In the event of the chair being unable to attend, the vice chair will chair the meeting.

To be agreed at first meeting but proposed membership:

Associate Director of Population Health – NHS GM (Chair)

Deputy Chief Medical Officer – NHS GM

Strategic Lead – NHS GM

Representative of NHS GM Deputy Place-Based Leads

Representative of GMCA

Representation GMEC Strategic Clinical Network

Representative of the GM Public Health Leadership Network

Representative of GMPA

Representative of VCSE Sector

Representative of GM Primary Care Provider Collaborative

Representative of GM Trust Provider Collaborative

Representative of GM Providers Directors of Strategy Group

Members may nominate suitably informed deputies to have decision-making authority if they are unable to attend the meeting. Where necessary, this should be limited to maintain a trusting group dynamic. Membership may be revoked if members miss two continuous meetings without sending apologies or a deputy.

**Meetings**

The chair will ensure full participation in the participation during meetings, that all relevant matters and agenda items are discussed, and that effective decisions are made and communicated to the partners within the ICS.

To be fully quorate, a minimum of 50% of the group members are required, including either the chair or vice chair.

The working group will meet on an approx. monthly basis, subject to review at 6 months.

Where available, NHS GM will provide business support including drafting agendas, compiling meeting packs and monitoring actions.

Agenda and key papers will be circulated in the week prior to each meeting. Actions will be circulated in the week after each meeting.

**Feedback Mechanisms**

Nominated representatives will be responsible for providing feedback to the GM VCSE Leadership Group, this can be either through notes from the board meeting shared via GM VCSE Leadership Group secretariat contacts [Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk) and [anna.cooper@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:anna.cooper@vsnw.org.uk) and (or where more appropriate/required due to time-sensitivity) informally through the GM VCSE Leadership Group WhatsApp group.

**Governance**

This group will report to the NHS GM Population Health Committee.

The minutes of the meetings shall be formally recorded by the secretary and submitted to the Board in accordance with the Standing Orders.

**The following person specification applies to the role**

The appointed person is required to have expertise in the Greater Manchester Population experiencing poverty and financial hardship.

**Timescales**

Friday 26th July – Applications close

Members of the GM VCFSE Leadership Group will be sent an email with EoI’s and link to online voting platform.

Voting will close at 5pm on Monday 5th August 2024.

**How to make an expression of interest**

If you would like to be considered for membership of the NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group, please complete the following Expression of Interest form and **return to Kassandra Banks** [Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk) by 5pm on Friday 26th July 2024.

Before completing this form, please ensure that you have read the above information and criteria regarding the group and are able to commit to regular meetings and any additional work that may arise as part of the role as a member of the NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group.

**Expression of Interest**

1. **Applicant**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Organisation Name** |  |
| **Organisation website** |  |
| **Brief description of organisation and service users**  *Max 200 words* |  |
| **Current role** |  |
| **How long have you worked in this role?** |  |
| **Which Greater Manchester district do you operate in?**  *Please tick all that apply* | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Bury |  | Rochdale |  | Trafford |  | | Bolton |  | Salford |  | Wigan |  | | Manchester |  | Stockport |  | ALL |  | | Oldham |  | Tameside |  |  |  | |
| **Do you currently serve on any other boards in Greater Manchester? If yes please tell us** |  |
| **Do you have expertiese in or are able to represent any diverse or under-represented communities through your work?** |  |

1. **Please describe the relevant skills, knowledge and experience that you hold, which would make you a valuable member of the NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group, (200 words max).**

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1. **Please describe your current networks locally, across Greater Manchester and/or nationally that might help you to fulfil your role as a VCSE sector member of the NHS GM Tackling Poverty Group**, **(200 words max).**

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1. **Please provide any additional information that explains how you meet the criteria above or support your expression of interest (200 words max).**

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