

## What is Healthier Together?

Healthier Together is a review of health and social care across Greater Manchester and is part of a wider public service reform, seeking to improve outcomes for all residents. The 12 Greater Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are leading the programme, supported by the Service Transformation team and working in partnership with social care partners, voluntary organisations and all 10 local authorities across Greater Manchester. Health and social care leaders from across Greater Manchester have been working together to review the services they offer and the way they are delivered. This has sought to provide the best possible standards of care whilst balancing the rising demand on services within the limited health and social care resources available. Healthier Together is seeking to improve the quality of treatment in and out of hospital under primary care, integrated (joined up) care and hospital care, through a programme of reconfiguration. As part of the proposals, eight options have been identified for the future potential configuration of how emergency medicine, acute medicine and general surgery are provided across Local General and Specialist Hospitals across Greater Manchester.

For more information on the Healthier Together proposals, please see:

<https://healthiertogethergm.nhs.uk/resources/pre-consultation-business-case-pcbc/pcbc/>.

## What is an Integrated Impact Assessment?

In order to understand the potential implications of any service changes, the Healthier Together Programme has commissioned Mott MacDonald to deliver an **integrated impact assessment (IIA)** of the proposals. The purpose of the IIA is to identify likely positive and negative effects on different community and patient groups. It will consider impacts such as health outcomes, quality of care, travel and access. The IIA will also look into ways in which any negative effects can be overcome and to identify opportunities to improve the proposals.

**A key way to investigate these impacts is talking to local stakeholders.** Mott MacDonald are therefore organising a series of forums in order to engage with both those who may be representatives of patients, as well as those representing particular equality or community groups who may have particular needs for the services under review.

The main purpose of these IIA forums is to give informed stakeholders an opportunity to **share their views on the potential positive and negative impacts** so that these can be fed into the assessment and the wider programme. We would also like to listen to **ideas on whether and how proposals could be adapted** to maximise equality in service delivery and quality of care.

## How to share your views at an IIA engagement forum?

If you are a representative of relevant patient, equality or community groups and would like to share your views on the impacts, we would ask that you **please join one of the IIA engagement forums** that are being held across Greater Manchester during August and September.

The details of the forums are as follows:

- Manchester IIA Forum (1) - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Irish Heritage Centre, Cheetham)
- Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale IIA Forum – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Rochdale Masonic Hall)
- Manchester IIA Forum (2) - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Wythenshawe Forum)
- Oldham IIA Forum - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Chadderton Town Hall)
- Trafford IIA Forum – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (St Matthew's Hall, Stretford)
- Salford IIA Forum – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Buile Hill Park Hall )
- Tameside & Glossop IIA Forum – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Dukinfield Town Hall)
- Bury IIA Forum – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Bury Town Hall)
- Bolton IIA Forum – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Bolton Hub) *(please note that this replaces the Bolton IIA forum originally planned for late August)*
- Wigan IIA Forum – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (DW Stadium, Wigan) *(please note that this replaces the Wigan IIA forum originally planned for late August).*

(An IIA forum has already taken place in Stockport on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014.)

At each forum, **the main engagement event is happening between 10.30 and 13.00** but after this you can still drop in during the afternoon and share your views.

In case you feel that you require additional information to be able to comment on the impacts, a formal presentation on the proposals for change will be given at 10.30am; however if you are unable to join at this time, a recording of this will be available throughout the day.

### How to confirm attendance?

If you are a representative of relevant patient, equality or community group and would like to share your views on the impacts at one of our forums, please contact **Evelyn Hichens** for further details and to confirm your attendance.

Evelyn's contact details are below:

**Email: [evelyn.hichens@mottmac.com](mailto:evelyn.hichens@mottmac.com)**

**Tel: 0121 234 1626**

We would be grateful if you could do this as soon as possible. Please also let us know if you have any special requirements, so that we can ensure these are accommodated for. Thank you.

If you are unable to attend any of these forums but would still like to share your views, please do let us know and we can arrange to contact you separately.

### A call for evidence?

If you are aware of any particular **information or evidence** which you think should be considered as part of the impact assessment, please also share this with us by emailing it to [evelyn.hichens@mottmac.com](mailto:evelyn.hichens@mottmac.com).

Please could we ask for this evidence to be submitted before the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**Thank you**