SUMMARY OF REPORT:

A report ‘Transforming the health of our population in Greater Manchester’, has been produced setting out the progress made to date in implementing the first ever Greater Manchester Population Health Plan and the proposed next steps in realising a whole system approach to population health in Greater Manchester.

It contributes to the story of the ‘devolution difference’ and the impact we are having on improving health outcomes and reducing inequalities in Greater Manchester.

KEY MESSAGES:

The health of the population of Greater Manchester should be better. People in Greater Manchester, on average, lives shorter lives and become ill earlier than the England average. This is further compounded by unwarranted health inequalities.

There is a clear recognition that a wide-ranging Population Health approach, which seeks to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequalities, provides the cornerstone of our ambitions to transform health and care in Greater Manchester.

Midway through the implementation of the first ever Greater Manchester Population Health Plan, and having committed £30million towards 16 ambitious and innovative programmes, evidence is emerging that we are starting to turn the tide for key areas of serious poor health and deep-rooted inequalities.

However, there is much more work to be done if we are to make the most of the opportunities afforded by devolution and achieve our ambitions to improve health of our population and reduce the health inequalities which exist at present.
We are committed to establishing a whole system approach to improving health and reducing inequalities. This means looking beyond the NHS and working together with the widest range of partners to address challenges and utilise opportunities for good health – such as environment, housing, education, work, transport and, social and digital connectivity.

It is our ultimate ambition to put population health at the centre of every policy and strategy across the entirety of our public services. Over the next 12 months we will prioritise and escalate our efforts towards achieving this ambition.

Successfully establishing a Greater Manchester population health system will both improve health and stimulate inclusive economic growth. It would reinforce Greater Manchester’s position at the forefront of system-wide, high impact approaches to improving health and reducing inequalities.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To raise awareness of the scope and impact of the Greater Manchester Population Health Plan 2017-21, and the £30million investment that accompanied it.

To highlight the positive impact that we are having in key areas of Population health, thus providing confidence that we can transform the health, wealth and wellbeing of the 2.8 million residents of Greater Manchester.

To confirm our ambition to establish a whole system approach to population health in Greater Manchester

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Greater Manchester Health & Care Board is asked to:

- Note the contents of the report, ‘Transforming the health of our population in Greater Manchester: Progress and next steps’.

- Share and use the report as appropriate to help raise awareness of the GM approach to population health transformation and the impact it is having.

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1.0 THE GREATER MANCHESTER POPULATION HEALTH PLAN 2017-2021

1.1 We are now midway through the implementation of the first ever Greater Manchester Population Health Plan which was agreed in March 2017.

1.2 This brought with it £30 million of Transformation Funding to mobilise a uniquely ambitious evidence-based programme aiming to deliver a radical upgrade to the health, wealth and wellbeing of our 2.8 million residents.

1.3 With person and communities centred approaches at its heart and a clear focus on prevention, these programmes are enabling our residents to start life well, live well and age well, while driving reforms aimed at establishing a more unified approach within a GM population health system.

1.4 Emerging evidence shows that we are starting to turn the tide for key areas of serious poor health and deep-rooted inequalities in Greater Manchester.

Achievements include:

1.4.1 200 more children started school with a good level of development in 2018, compared to 2017

1.4.2 An additional 250 smoke-free babies were delivered in the first year of our smoke-free pregnancy programme, closing the gap between Greater Manchester and national average levels

1.4.3 31,400 children in 722 primary schools and nurseries are benefitting from supervised toothbrushing, helping to reverse generations of persistently high levels of tooth decay if five priority areas

1.4.4 There are around 46,500 fewer smokers in two years, with smoking prevalence rates falling twice as fast as the national average

1.4.5 Around 67,000 more people were physically active in 2018 than in 2016. Inactivity rates have fallen by 1.7%, compared to 0.5% nationally

1.4.6 Around 7,000 residents have joined a new network of cancer champions, using their experience and knowledge to highlight the importance of cancer prevention and screening in areas where engagement has been lowest

1.4.7 Focused Care teams have brought positive changes to over 1,800 households in areas of severe deprivation, supporting residents
with complex lives to overcome barriers to seeking support and reducing the additional demands their situations can place on GPs and other primary care services.

1.4.8 More than 3,800 people aged over 65 have been assessed for malnutrition and dehydration; over 90% of people found to be at risk of ill health from these conditions have gained or stabilised their weight.

2.0 CREATING A GREATER MANCHESTER POPULATION HEALTH SYSTEM

2.1 However, there is much more work to be done if we are to make the most of the opportunities of devolution and achieve our ambitions for improving the health of our population.

2.2 The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Prospectus (‘Taking Charge: The Next 5 Years’) and the Greater Manchester Independent Prosperity Review highlight the importance of, and challenges and opportunities we still face in, improving people’s health, creating a sustainable health and care system, and achieving the city-region’s inclusive economic potential.

2.3 By aligning with the Greater Manchester Model for public services and the rich fabric of associated Greater Manchester strategies and plans, we are committed to establishing a whole system approach to improving health and reducing inequalities.

2.4 This means looking beyond the NHS and working together with the widest range of partners to address challenges and utilise opportunities for promoting good health such as environment, housing, education, work, transport and, social and digital connectivity. It is our ultimate ambition to create the step-change that is required by putting population health at the centre of every policy and strategy across the entirety of our public services.

2.5 We are particularly focusing on the overlaps and connections between these wider determinants of health, individual behaviours, integrated public services and person and community centred approaches – the four key pillars of health improvement.

2.6 Successfully establishing a Greater Manchester population health system in this way will both improve health and stimulate inclusive economic growth. Doing so would reinforce Greater Manchester’s position at the forefront of system-wide, high impact approaches to improving health and reducing inequalities.
3.0 PRIORITIES FOR 2019/20: PROGRESSING TOWARDS OUR AMBITION OF A POPULATION HEALTH SYSTEM

3.1 Over the next 12 months we will build upon our success to date by:

3.1.2 Continuing to deliver the Greater Manchester Population Health Plan and build further evidence of its impacts;

3.1.3 Working across Greater Manchester and with national and international thought leaders to shape our thinking and ambitions, including through progressing an ambition to be the UK’s first Marmot city-region;

3.1.4 Reforming our public health system – including through:
   - using the powers contained within the Greater Manchester Public Health Functions Order 2017
   - developing a single-system approach to governance and accountability
   - further developing strategic plans for sustained investment
   - identifying tools and techniques to embed population health approaches into the Greater Manchester system and ways of working
   - enhancing system-wide leadership across clinical, political, managerial and community sectors
   - reviewing and reforming system-wide specialist public health infrastructure

3.1.5 Delivering the population health plan ambitions set out within the NHS Long Term plan, focusing specifically on:
   - reducing alcohol harm
   - reducing smoking prevalence
   - tackling obesity, particularly in children
   - increasing physical activity
   - supporting the establishment of the NHS as an anchor institution in local communities
   - establishing a Greater Manchester model of population health management
3.1.6 Working in partnership with the combined authority (GMCA), our ten boroughs and the Mayor of Greater Manchester to tackle key wider determinants of health, specifically:

- air quality
- housing
- spatial planning
- healthy, sustainable economic growth
- climate change
- early years and education
- inclusive economic growth and productivity

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Greater Manchester Health and Care Board is asked to:

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4.1.2 Share and use the report as appropriate to help raise awareness of the GM approach to population health transformation and the impact it is having.