

Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem Meeting

'Devo Manc: Bringing together Greater Manchester's £6bn Health & Social Care Budgets'

18th June 2015

This report provides an overview of the Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem event held on 18th June 2015 at MSP CityLabs (former Royal Eye Hospital), Oxford Road, Manchester. The agenda for the day is attached at Annex 1. A list of delegates from across industry, academia, and the NHS is attached at Annex 2.

Attendance & Speakers

Presentations from guest speakers and Q&A Panel discussion gave high level insight into the emerging 'Devo Manc' landscape. The presentation slides are attached at Annex 3.

The devolution of £6bn worth of health & social care spending to Greater Manchester represents one of the largest changes to the delivery of joined up health services in the history of the NHS.

Greater Manchester's strong track record of collaborative working across its ten local authorities through the formation of the [Greater Manchester Combined Authority](#), together with the recent success of the [GM Healthier Together](#) initiative, places the region at the forefront of the delivery of the [NHS 5 Year Forward View](#) (representing as it does, 5% to 6% of NHS in England). Key points to emerge from the Q&A included:

- Devolution of health & social care funding is just one part of the wider debate on the devolution of powers from Whitehall to the region's and the nation's towns and cities. The £6bn health & social care represents a fraction of the £22bn overall of public money that is spent in the GM city region.
- NHS England, the 12 NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups, the 15 NHS providers and the 10 GM local authorities have agreed a framework for health and social care - with plans for joint decision-making on integrated care to support physical, mental and social wellbeing.
- We already have strong examples of where this approach has yielded dividends, for example in cancer care. Ten years ago GM had poorer survival rates than the average for the rest of the UK, until all organisations were involved in standardizing processes across GM enabling patients to benefit from new therapies. Today GM has better survival rates than the average for the rest of the UK.
- A strong informatics base is central to Devo Manc. By connecting the data together – finding priorities, tracking outcomes, solving problems, facilitating clinical trials – we can build innovation into the system. We already have Datawell and Farsite which are a great basis for doing this.
- Devo Manc is about more than formal structures and funding agreements. At its heart is the realisation of a vision to bring about the greatest possible improvement to the health and wellbeing of the 2.8 million citizens of Greater Manchester as quickly as possible.

- The challenge is considerable. For example, it has been estimated that only about 50% of the preventable disease across GM is found and that only about 40% of what we do find is treated in accordance with NICE guidelines.
- There will be a big culture change needed for organisations and workers, and it will require close cooperation between health and social care organisations. This has begun – healthcare professionals are spending more time with social care professionals. There is a GM Health and Social Care Partnership Board.
- We need to spend time and effort in taking the public along with us on this journey.

As part of the work to understand current awareness levels of the Devo Manc programme, and how local people can become more effectively involved, the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution programme team have developed a survey. The survey can be [viewed here](#).

Our thanks to Warren Heppolette, Clive Morris and Darren Banks, for their input and insight.

Market Place

The lunchtime Market Place event saw 10 companies give a brief 'pitch' on their product to assembled delegates. A variety of mHealth and eHealth solutions and products were on display; exhibitors and delegates also had the opportunity to get involved in further discussions over lunch.

Full details of the companies who participated are in Annex 4.

Workshop Output

At the afternoon workshops, delegates discussed how best to involve and engage with industry to ensure that the opportunities afforded through Devo Manc can best harness innovation and deliver positive and lasting healthcare benefits.

The content of the workshop discussions have been shared with the Academic Health Science System (AHSS) Leadership Team and will be taken into consideration as further activities and events are planned. Some points that were raised, such as a single point of entry for industry, are already being considered.

Delegates discussed the following questions,

- 1) How can we ensure that digital and mobile health technologies are used to place patients and patient outcomes at the forefront of this change?
- 2) What can the Manchester Ecosystem do to help you & your organisation make the most of 'Devo Manc'?

The following were the main feedback items from the groups:

- The Ecosystem can act as a conduit for large enterprises and SMEs to add contribution and access opportunities, but needs transparency and honesty, and provide simple and clear ways to engage.
- Need lower barriers to entry – SMEs sometimes can get "gazumped" by large enterprises.

- Industry representation in AHSS / Devo Manc Boards? Need an honest broker. Need clear specification in the early stages. Need a broad range of stakeholders. No more unfunded pilots.
- Make sure data flows and is not proprietary. Stimulate innovative processes. Think out of the box.
- Keep it simple and real, but ensure digital by default.
- Need better data.
- Talk to, work with and consider the citizen voice. Make sure citizens are heavily part of the process.
- Message to AHSS – Need visionary leadership and change management. Take everyone with you on the journey.

The detailed output is contained in Annex 5.

Thanks & Acknowledgements

The organisers (University of Manchester & GM AHSN) would like to thank MSP CityLabs and NHS England for their help in bringing the event together.

Similarly, our thanks go to our speakers on the day, for their time and effort in developing and delivering their presentations.

For those that attended, thank you for making it such a vibrant and informative day. We look forward to welcoming you again at future events.

Attachments

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Annex 1: Agenda

Annex 2: List of Attendees

Annex 3: Presentations

Annex 4: Marketplace Companies & Details

Annex 5: Workshop Output

Annex 6: Twitter Wall