

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Report

There was a Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 8th November 2017.

Meeting concentrated on the new model of Basic Primary Care which was first discussed in Healthier Together. Reduced to basics this will ensure that GP's will take the lead in all cases involving primary care.

It was recognised that there are difficulties in setting such a system up mainly in Data Sharing, what the position is/will be for non UK nationals on the staff and the current need for employing locums to fill junior doctors' positions that are currently still vacant.

The Committee will be monitoring the situation of recruitment and retention of European nursing staff. The situation regarding junior doctors is being addressed by creating a medical bank so employed staff can move between trusts and work where they are most needed but even by doing this there are still not enough regular staff. It was pointed out that two in every 8 doctors are not UK nationals.

Frighteningly enough, Agency staff expenditure across the board is currently £61 million.