

**GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEVOLUTION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GM BODIES - ESTATES**

1. Introduction

The overriding purpose of the initiative represented in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to ensure that the effective management of the Greater Manchester (GM) health and social care estate enables the greatest and fastest possible improvement to the health and wellbeing of the 2.8 million citizens of GM.

This requires a more integrated approach to the use of the existing health and social care estate, which will be a critical component in delivering transformational changes to the way in which services are delivered across GM.

To facilitate this, the MOU creates a framework for achieving the dialogue and consensus between all parties to the MOU that will be required to drive forward, at pace, an effective GM estates strategy. It sets out the process for collaborative working to ensure that the maximum value is derived from the changes to the GM health and social care estate that will be necessary if the ambitions in the GM health and social care strategy 'Taking Charge' are to be realised.

All parties to this MOU agree to act in good faith to support the objectives and principles set out here, for the benefit of all GM patients and citizens.

2. Parties

The Parties¹ to this Memorandum are:-

- GM Combined Authority (GMCA)
- The 10 GM Local Authorities
- Association of GM CCGs
- The 12 GM CCGs
- GM NHS Provider Trusts
- The 15 GM NHS Provider Trusts
- NHS Property Services (NHSPS)
- Community Health Partnerships (CHP)
- Association of Greater Manchester
- Local Medical Committees

There will also be an MOU between GM partner organisations and national bodies setting out how they will work together. The parties to this Memorandum will be:-

- GM Combined Authority (GMCA)
- The 10 GM Local Authorities
- Association of GM CCGs
- The 12 GM CCGs
- GM NHS Provider Trusts
- The 15 GM NHS Provider Trusts
- Association of Greater Manchester Local Medical Committees

¹ Appendix 1 includes a full list of organisations that are party to this Memorandum

- Department of Health (DH)
- NHS England (NHSE)
- NHS Improvement (NHSI)
- HM Treasury (HMT)
- Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)

3. Context

Estates development is a key enabler for the successful implementation of the GM Health and Social Care Strategic Plan “Taking Charge” and the closure of the £2bn gap in five years and will also have a wider impact on GM economic outcomes (e.g. housing delivery, economic space).

The key features of estate changes needed for health and social care in GM are that:

- through the combined effect of a radical upgrade in prevention, scaling up primary care, the integration of community health and social care and the standardisation of clinical support and back office services, there should be a reduced need for hospital capacity due to inappropriate demand; and
- there will be requirements for multi-purpose community based hubs accommodating, for example, integrated primary care, community health and adult social care services and enhanced provision of step down services preventing inappropriate demand for acute beds.

However, the current structure of the health and social care system can make strategic investment/disinvestment decisions in multiple ownership situations challenging. The existence of multiple and different decision points for estate development or changes and the plurality of processes for agreeing business cases for investment and disposal can result in difficulties in whole-system planning. There are currently few existing incentives for unified strategic estate planning across the diverse spectrum of health and social care partners.

There is unlikely to be sufficient capital available within existing sources to deliver the estate changes required for the health estate in GM. GM will therefore develop a capital investment strategy for estates that considers the availability of capital budget (Capital Delegated Expenditure Limit known as CDEL) and creates appropriate funding platforms in open consultation and collaboration with NHSE, NHSI, DH and HMT.

This MoU sets out the overarching principles needed to provide the leadership and coordination needed to maximise the opportunities the GM estate offers.

In that context this MoU:

- establishes the way in which GM organisations will adopt a collaborative approach to the management of the GM estate with the wider GM strategy in mind; and
- clarifies the process by which the disposal of GM health and social care estate will be managed.

It should be read in conjunction with the MOU for the GM health and social care devolution, and the National MOU for Estates.

4. Vision and Objectives

A vision for GM Health and Social Care estates has been agreed at the Strategic Estates Group Chairs' workshop in October 2015:

‘Greater Manchester will seek to drive maximum value from the public estate by enabling its more efficient use in order to deliver local strategic objectives and national policy objectives’.

The parties to this MOU share the following objectives:

- Better manage the public sector estate so that it enables the reforms needed to deliver;
 - Improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of GM,
 - Better utilisation of the current health and social care estate,
 - Achieve clinical and financial sustainability for the GM health and social care system by 2020,
- Make more efficient use of the public sector health and social care estate in order to deliver ‘Stronger Together: GM Strategy’, ‘Taking Charge’ of our Health and Social Care in GM and the delivery of our ten Locality Plans and national policy objectives included in the ‘Better Quality Care for Patients’ the Five Year Forward View; and
- Use surplus land to optimise capital receipts and deliver economic growth value for money.

5. Overarching Principles

The MOU is underpinned by the following principles which will support the vision of driving maximum value from the public estate:

Collaboration

- GM will work collaboratively with local non-GM bodies and take into account the impact of GM decisions upon non-GM bodies and their communities;
- All parties will engage in collaborative, constructive conversations about the optimum use of public sector assets across GM to maximise value;
- All parties, including NHSPS and CHP, will collaborate when considering investment priorities and will consider the ambition of ‘Taking Charge’; and
- A commitment for all parties to take a transparent and open book approach in relation to land and property assets, including early notification of possible land and buildings for disposal;

Decisions

- All parties will work collectively to ensure that decisions relating to estates taken at both locality and GM level will focus on the delivery of the GM strategic plan, ‘Stronger Together’ and ‘Taking Charge’² and the delivery of our ten Locality Plans and therefore the interests and outcomes of patients and people in GM, not organisational self-interest alone;
- The delivery of ‘Taking Charge’ and of the ten Locality Plans will be considered as a significant priority for investment and strategic estates decisions³;
- Requirements, based on delivering wider GM objectives, to be prioritised through the Strategic Estates Groups, comprising Local Authorities, CCG’s, provider representatives, and wider public sector representation;
- There is no requirement for GM health and social care estate ownership to change;
- The MOU will not impact the sovereignty of any Trust or organisation, nor will it interfere with the sovereign rights of an organisation to determine what estate is disposed of, or when; and
- All parties will seek to optimise the utilisation of assets where long term commitments exist, such as PFIs, LIFT etc.

6. Scope

² ‘Taking Charge’ is GM’s five year strategic plan for health and social care. As it develops it will mirror the requirements of the Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP) guidance that other areas are producing. GM will not be producing a separate STP.

³ NHS providers also have commitments/responsibilities to patients/residents beyond GM. There may be estate decisions taken regionally that we would want to be complementary but would not be incorporated into either Taking Charge, the STP or Locality Plans.

The MOU relates to all investment and disposals in health and social care estate (buildings and land) in GM that is owned by the public sector or GP practices.⁴

In relation to disposals it does not cover any other buildings or land owned by independent or private sector organisations from which health and social care services are delivered.

It is recognised that there are organisations outside of GM that may have health and social care estate in GM. The parties to this memorandum are expected to collaborate with such parties even though they are not party to this memorandum.

The MOU relates to strategic decisions on the GM estate's health and social care buildings and land, not operational management of the estate or facilities management.

7. What the MOU Delivers

Terms of the Memorandum

All parties will work together to drive maximum value from the public estate by:

- acting in good faith to support the objectives and principles of this MOU for the benefit of all GM patients and citizens;
- working collaboratively and transparently to deliver effective management of the public estate aligned with the 'Stronger Together' and 'Taking Charge', delivery of the ten Locality Plans and the principles of the GMCA Devolution agreement, in particular to help the achievement of clinical and financial sustainability for the GM health and social care system by 2020,
- facilitating an ongoing dialogue with relevant bodies managing health assets and the health estate across GM, including the option for surplus land to be acquired by mutual consent, between GM organisations;
- taking decisions at a GM level in respect of the health and social care estate where the GM place-based approach is optimum for its residents, recognising regional and national directives;
- developing a partnership for strategic estate planning, aligned with sub-regional strategies;
- developing a range of commercial models for accessing capital funding, which may include working with institutional investors to create a fund or an SPV to provide investment in new facilities in return for long term revenue streams. This will be in addition to accessing existing sources i.e. borrowing by Foundation Trusts, NHSE capital for primary and community care developments, LIFT type schemes and prudential borrowing via LAs; and
- Agreeing a process for developing a pipeline of GM estate projects that will support the delivery of 'Stronger Together', 'Taking charge' and locality plans and the wider GM health and social care strategy.

8. Implementation

This MOU agreed between GM partner organisations will:

- be agreed by and apply to all public sector health and social care organisations across GM;
- ask GM organisations to formally agree that they will consider the delivery of the locality plan as a significant priority for investment;
- imply a different approach to disposal in some instances, and a clear agreement that we will work together across GM to maximise value, possibly over time rather than simply maximise cash up front;
- expect organisations to consolidate around those parts of the estate that we are legally committed to retain;
- seek agreement from organisations to agree that a primary purpose for the deployment of resources is the delivery of the capital strategy underpinning the Locality plan; and

⁴ This recognises that GP practices may be owned privately but still provide public health services.

- develop a process and framework that provides the ability to flex between individual organisational interest (which must always be respected) and the interest of the wider economy.

The GM Estates Strategy Delivery Unit will support the identification and disposal of public sector land in GM. The Unit will provide appropriate strategic capacity and multi-disciplinary expertise to support the existing estates capacity across GM statutory public bodies in the delivery of housing, public service reform, and growth ambitions. Core responsibilities will include:

- Strategic planning of key land and property programmes including oversight of and direction for local estate strategies to ensure alignment with 'Taking Charge' and Locality Plans;
- Programming and delivery of strategic estates programmes; and
- Designing and embedding common standards and practices for estates planning and delivery.

The following processes will be agreed in order to deliver the vision and objectives:

- How the parties will share benefits of improved outcomes that accrue from the result of GM devolution – referred to as 'Gainshare'; and
- How any disputes will be resolved

9. GM Health and Social Care Estates Governance

The GM Strategic Partnership Board is accountable for the delivery of 'Taking Charge'. New governance structures will enable the parties to work together to make decisions in relation to the GM health and social care estate that are strategically co-ordinated and aligned to maximise benefit across GM. An innovative governance framework will be key to success.

- The governance of health and social care will form part of the governance arrangements for the GM Land Commission (GMLC). The GMLC will provide a strategic link between GM and Government Departments / Non Departmental Public Bodies to facilitate the better use of the public estate to help meet national and local policy objectives. A GMLC / One Public Estate (OPE) framework is currently being developed comprising GM and local strategy and delivery capability. The emerging framework is shown at Appendix 2 to this MOU.
- A GM Land and Property Board responsible for delivering the OPE agenda in GM, accountable to the GMCA. It will support the GMLC and has responsibility for implementing the strategic direction for land and property set by GMCA in consultation with GMLC.
- A GM Health and Social Care Strategic Estates Board has been established which represents all stakeholders and is responsible for high level strategic estates planning (not the management of the Estate).
- Each of the ten GM localities have established Strategic Estates Groups (SEGs). These are collaborative forums of public sector occupiers charged with using public property assets more efficiently based on the needs of each community. The SEGs will develop locality-based strategic estate plans and delivery programmes which will flow from the Locality Plans. The work at locality level will be supported by work at GM level to understand the scale of the estate requirements and to secure the investment needed.

Appendix 1 – Parties to the Memorandum

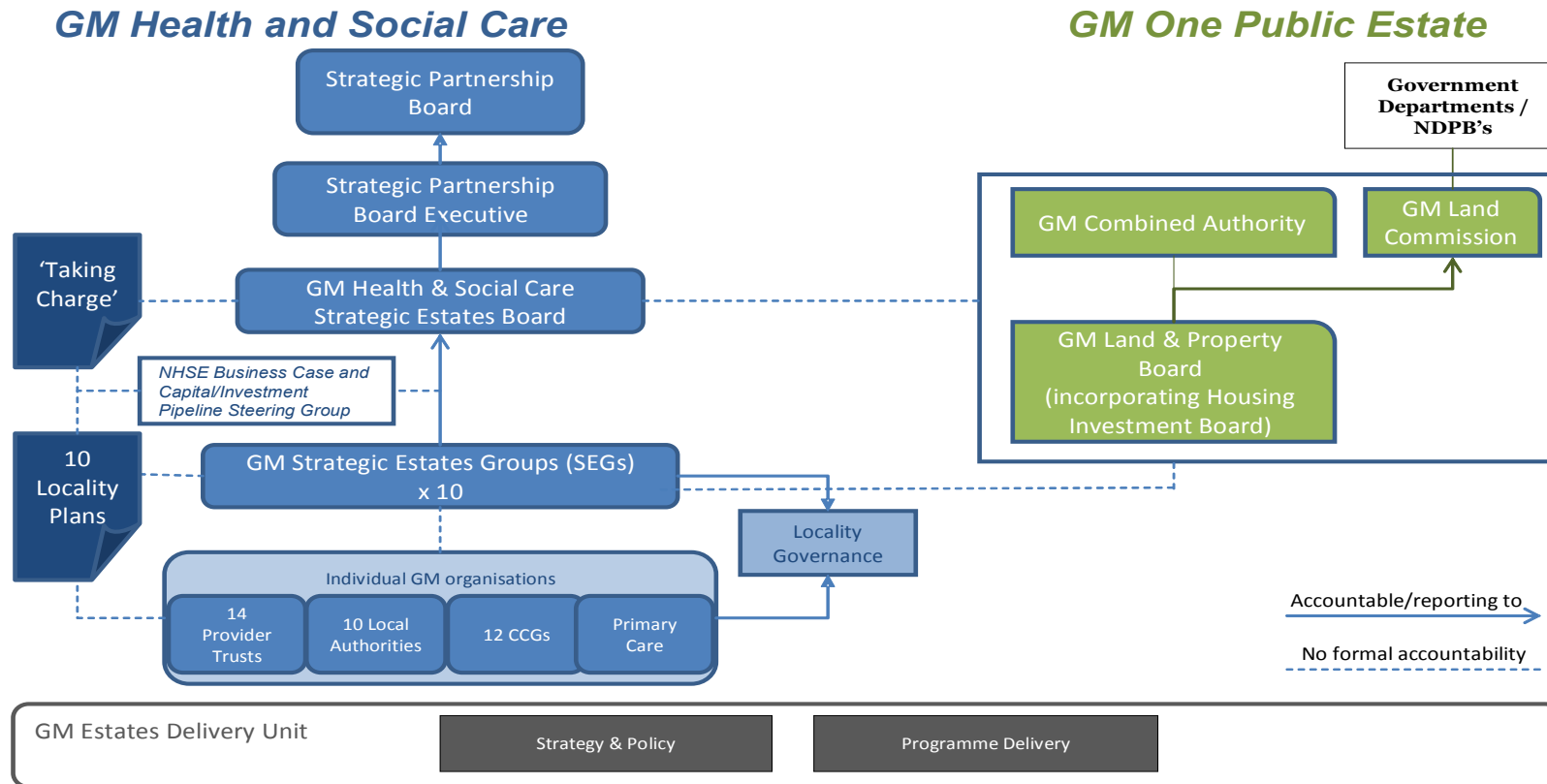
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NHS Property Services (NHSPS)
 Community Health Partnerships (CHP)
 North West Ambulance Trust
 Association of Greater Manchester Local Medical Committees (LMCs)

⁵ 5 Boroughs and Bridgewater are formally located in Cheshire and Merseyside but are parties to this Memorandum as they have estate within GM.

Appendix 2 - Proposed GM Estates Governance Structure

Estates Governance framework



INTRA GM ESTATES MOU – DRAFT

1	GM Land Commission (GMLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GMLC will provide a strategic link between GM and HMG Departments / NDPB's to facilitate the better use of the public estate to help meet national and local policy objectives. It will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Support GM with discussions with HMG Departments to unlock barriers or resolve centrally determined estates issues impacting on the successful delivery of GMCA land and property programmes; – Provide a mechanism for HMG Departments to link, and support delivery of, departmental estate disposal programmes with locally led housing, economic growth and public service reform initiatives.
2	GM Land & Property Strategy Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for delivering the One Public Estate agenda in GM, accountable to the GMCA. • Supports the GMLC and has responsibility for implementing the strategic direction for land and property set by GMCA in consultation with GMLC. • Develops and monitors a range of targets on behalf of the GMCA, in relation to the strategic management of public land and property assets in GM, and the delivery of key land and property programmes. Holds GM delivery function to account.
3	GM Delivery Unit (Strategy and Planning Programme Delivery PMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery function providing appropriate strategic capacity and multi-disciplinary expertise to support the existing estates capacity across GM. The Delivery Unit will work within national guidance to provide the support required to deliver 'Taking Charge'. • Core responsibilities include i) Support the planning and delivery of key estate programmes including local estate strategies; ii) Planning and delivery of strategic estates programmes iii) Design, implement and embed common standards and practices for estates planning and delivery.
4	GM Health and Social Care Strategic Estates Board	<p>The GM Health and Social Care Strategic Estates Board will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide strategic oversight and leadership to the development and delivery of the GM Health and Social Care Estates Strategy, and to ensure that the MoU developed between GM and DoH, is supported by a corresponding intra GM MoU that defines how GM will work together. • Be responsible for delivery and oversight of the GM/DoH MoU, and the delivery of the intra GM MoU. • Have oversight for the production of the ten Strategic Estates plans, and be responsible for ensuring that there is a consistency in ambition and content. In support of this the SEG Chairs Group will be represented on the Board. • Have oversight of and be responsible for ensuring the estates elements of the Strategic/Implementation plans are produced and hold the Delivery Unit to account for developing them. • Have oversight of any national policy development that impacts on health and care GM organisations and their estate. • Not be responsible for the development of a GM Spatial Framework, its responsibility extends to the strategic management of the health and care estate only.
5	Strategic Estates Groups (SEGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative forums of public sector occupiers charged with using public estates more efficiently based on the needs of each community. Develop locality-based strategic estate plans and delivery programmes that are aligned to Locality Plans and 'Taking Charge'.
	NHS England Business Case and Capital/Investment Pipeline Steering Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group oversees the governance arrangements of the Capital/Investment pipeline across Lancashire & Greater Manchester. It's main aim is to provide strategic oversight to ensure capital investment is made in line with the strategic direction of NHS England; to ensure investment is targeted at the areas of greatest need; and to ensure value for the NHS and that any investment has the maximum benefit to the NHS and its patients
6	Organisation specific property asset management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver local property and asset management services in respect of detailed local strategies for housing delivery, economic growth and public service reform. • Engage with, and supported by, GM Delivery Unit through SEGs.

Appendix 3- Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this contract shall, at first instance, be referred to a mediator for resolution. The parties shall attempt to agree upon the appointment of a mediator, upon receipt, by either of them, of a written notice to concur in such appointment. Should the parties fail to agree within fourteen days, either party, upon giving written notice, may apply to the President or the Vice President, for the time being, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, for the appointment of a mediator.

Should the mediation fail, in whole or in part, either party may, upon giving written notice, and within twenty eight days thereof, apply to the President or the Vice President, for the time being, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, for the appointment of a single arbitrator, for final resolution. The arbitrator shall have no connection with the mediator or the mediation proceedings, unless both parties have consented in writing. The arbitration shall be governed by both the Arbitration Act 1996 and the Controlled Cost Rules of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2014 Edition), or any amendments thereof, which Rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this clause. The seat of the arbitration shall be England and Wales. "