

## North West SPF Sub-Group

### Key Communications 26 September 2018

#### Welcome & context

Welcome to the key communications from the North West Social Partnership Forum, which is a Sub Group of the North of England SPF. The meeting was held at UNISON Regional Offices in Manchester.

#### STP updates

Informative update from the three North West STP areas. In Cumbria and Lancashire two PMO roles have been recruited to, to take forward the Careers Engagement Hub and Global Health Exchange projects. Within Cheshire & Merseyside STP an OD collaborative has been set up with partners including The Innovation Agency, NHS England, HEE, AQuA and North West Employers. The benefit of the collective is to have clarity of what is needed, reduce duplication of work, reduce competition and maximise impact. There will be a programme manager post to support the work funded by the Leadership Academy and hosted by North West Boroughs. Across GM Health and Social Care Partnership, they have secured national funding to support a Greater Manchester GP Retention Scheme. The scheme aims to facilitate GPs to stay in the workforce; through promoting new ways of working and offering additional support. The scheme will commence in September 2018.

#### NHS England update

Update from Graham Urwin, Director of Commissioning Operations (North) from NHS England. He provided an update on the current position of NHS England and NHS Improvements closer working relationship. The National Director & Regional Director posts are currently out to advert, and the next process is designing the next two layers of the structure. The 'go live' date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 for the new arrangements to be in place, will be pushed back due to the process being delayed.

#### NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard

Informative presentation from Habib Naqvi, Policy Lead (WRES) from NHS England, looking at the WRES, specifically the NW regional data and some best practice examples from Greater Manchester & North East London FT. He also provided colleagues with some practical interventions to help drive this work forward at organisational level. Colleagues reflected the need to look at this on an STP basis and the links between the WRES indicators and overall organisational performance.

#### Date and time of next meeting

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**UNISON NW Regional Centre, Arena Point, Manchester**