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The 2018 Greater Manchester Unified Model of Public Services describes a desired new relationship between public services, citizens and communities. It talks about focusing on what matters to people, new behaviours, accountability to citizens and genuine coproduction.

What is happening now?

The response of our public services to Covid has undoubtedly saved lives and kindness and mutual aid has helped greatly. However, the gap between citizens and services remains wide, with most not placing enough trust in each other to truly work together.

Does this matter?

Yes! Our local services are struggling to address inequalities, injustices, distress and division with ever-reducing resources. Sharing power with citizens and communities enables the kinder, healthier, more inclusive and thriving neighbourhoods we all want to see emerge. Only through feeling in control of what happens in their lives will people engage and thrive. Yet public service systems continue to search for ever more effective interventions rather than reaching out, listening and trusting in citizens. Resisting change, hanging on to the way public services have always been commissioned and delivered, is self-defeating.



Picture the fingers of our leaders growing tired clinging to the cliff face, soon they will let go BUT if they looked up they would see the collective arms of Greater Manchester citizens, organisations and networks ready to pull them to safety and to a brighter future.

Let's build a movement for genuine community power by bringing together our voices

Let's align all current efforts so change becomes irresistible. **This is not about building something new.** No one individual, organisation or network can see the whole picture. By each using our relationships and connections, we can make change. We can ensure the voices of those who suffer the most from poverty, inequality, unfairness and injustice are heard.

If you would like to register your interest, that of your organisation or network, please contact Nick at gmhscp.pcca@nhs.net

"By linking together what is already there, the single threads become a strong web".