

Overview of workshops

1. **System leadership and the role of schools (Paula Healey, Education Improvement Manager, Oldham Council and Angela Holland, Early Years Operational Support Manager, Wigan Council) located in 93:20 West, Level 1**



The workshop will explore the relationships between schools, settings and families including the home learning environment.

An overview of current models will be shared including Wigan's model of early year's system leadership focussing on the partnership between nursery schools and the local authority moving forward. As well as Oldham's model which includes the home learning environment.

There will also be a discussion on other models which utilise the experience of teaching schools and the Early Years System to further develop System Leadership across GM.

2. **How can we do things differently with data and digital in Greater Manchester? (Jan Robinson, Early Years Strategic Lead, Bolton Council and Kieran Smith, GM Connect Project Manager, GMCA) located in 93:20 East (through 93:20 Central), Level 1**



What information would help professionals provide better support for children? How can data help schools be ready for our children in GM? In this workshop, we'll explore what data about our children you think should be shared across the system so that we're best prepared to meet their needs when they get to school. The GM Digital Team will then outline how we're planning to create a unified, GM-wide approach to data sharing that will make it happen.



Jan is currently Early Years Strategic Lead and Head of the Start Well Service for Bolton Council and has been supporting the work of the GM early years team for the last 7 years, chairing the GM Early Education Leads Group since 2016. Jan's background is as an early years teacher, Headteacher, Head of Early Excellence Centre and an early years consultant in St Helens and Lancashire before taking up her current role in Bolton in 2008. Jan has also worked with the National College for Teaching and Leadership, Centre for Educational Leadership and Edge Hill University on their Early Years integrated leadership programmes.



Kieran is currently a Project Manager at GMCA Digital. GMCA Digital works innovatively to improve the digital landscape across Greater Manchester. Kieran is working to implement the Smart Resident Platform that will allow for the sharing of public sector data to break down information sharing barriers. Kieran is also leading on the digitisation of early year's services at GMCA. Kieran has worked in local authorities for over a decade and specifically in digital in both children's and adult's social care in various roles spanning from Learning and Development Manager to Systems Improvement Manager.

3. **'Bridging the Gap': A view from the ground, supporting children and families in the early years (VCSE Reference Group and Rukhsana Ahmed, Executive Head Teacher, Longsight Community Primary and Family Hub) located in 93:20 Central Level 1**



The focus of the workshop will be to highlight the work of the voluntary and community sector, how the sector makes a measurable difference and what is needed to ensure an equal partnership when delivering services to the early years. Discussions will also include the need for sustainable commissioning and the inclusion of the VCSE sector in workforce development.



Rukhsana Ahmed is an Executive Head Teacher in Longsight. She also leads children centres and nurseries for the Big Life Group. She has worked as a teacher for 26 years covering primary and secondary education. Rukhsana was born and raised in Longsight and understands the values, concerns and aspirations of families and she feels privileged to be part of such a vibrant community.

4. **Sharing a Vision for the GM Workforce Academy (Chris McLoughlin, Director of Children's Services, Stockport Council and Maura Appleby, Principle Lead for Health, Stockport Family) located in Legends Level 2 – main suite**

The session will explore initial thinking about a potential Early Years Workforce Academy, consider what this might look like and how it could improve the quality of services/interventions offered to children and families. Discussion will include sharing experiences from localities and explore potential relationships with GM educational institutions, as well as considering opportunities to share resources and skills across GM.



Chris McLoughlin initially worked as a qualified nurse at Manchester Royal Infirmary in the 1980s and subsequently became a social worker based in a community team in central Manchester. She held a number of key leadership roles in Manchester City Council in Children and Family Services (1992-2009). Chris also holds a qualification as Accredited Practice Teacher for Social Care.

Chris joined Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council in 2009 as Service Director for Social Care and Health and in October 2012 became the Director for Safeguarding and Prevention, responsible for the multiagency Safeguarding Unit and all Stockport Family Integrated Children's Services including Social Care, Community Health, Youth Offending, Drug and Alcohol, Services for Young People, Parent Support and Early Intervention teams. Chris is now Stockport's Director of Children's Services.

In addition to this role, Chris is currently chair of the Greater Manchester Teaching Partnership (Social Work Academy) and represents Greater Manchester Directors of Children's Services on the Greater Manchester Children and Young People's Executive Board and also the GM School Readiness Board; Chris is a Non-Executive Director at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and she also holds the position of Senior Independent Director for the Trust.