

Musculoskeletal Health Improvement Network for London

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Strategic network - context

- Vision
- Mission
- Why is it important?
- Why now?
- Why should you be involved?



Musculoskeletal Health Improvement Network - Briefing

Vision

- To promote lifelong best musculoskeletal health across all communities.
- To sustain delivery of evidence informed personalised high-quality healthcare of value to all.

Mission

- To support ICBs deliver the vision using a regional network of primary, community and secondary care colleagues, academic science network colleagues, people with lived experience, public
 health consultants, third sector colleagues, commissioning and operational leads.
- To support ICBs and providers using quality improvement methodology informed by national and local data, embedding co-production and the principles of personalised care to improve access, outcomes and experiences of services, whilst reducing health inequalities for people with musculoskeletal health problems.
- To highlight the value (health gain and experiences) of improving musculoskeletal health as an essential ingredient of holistic and integrated care, enabled by digital and workforce transformation.

Why is this important?

- Musculoskeletal conditions are very common, affecting 20 million people in the UK, one-third of the total population, rising to two-thirds of the population over 65.
- Musculoskeletal conditions are the highest cause of years lived with a disability in London, weighted by the degree of disability.
- Physical activity reduces all cause mortality by 30% and significantly reduces the risk of diabetes (40%), cardiovascular disease (35%), dementia (30%), depression (30%) and fragility fractures (68%). Therefore, increasing physical activity will have widespread benefits across the whole population, particular the most inactive people.
- Worklessness: musculoskeletal conditions are the leading cause of time lost from work other than COVID and minor illness. Being in good work is better for your health than being out of work.
 Good work improves health and wellbeing across people's lives and protects against social exclusion. Conversely, unemployment is bad for health and wellbeing, as it is associated with an increased risk of mortality and morbidity.
- The same health inequalities that are seen in many long-term conditions are also seen in chronic musculoskeletal pain. Chronic pain is linked to deprivation. Four in ten people (41%) who live in the most deprived fifth of society in England report chronic pain compared to 3 in 10 (30%) in the least deprived quintile. Three in ten people (32%) with a long term musculoskeletal reported depression or anxiety in the most deprived decile versus 2 in 10 (19%) in the least deprived decile.

Why now?

- Public Health England (OHID) and NICE have complied compelling evidence supporting clinical and cost-effective interventions, value for money and return on investment (ROI) for strategies and interventions to improve general and musculoskeletal health, reduce falls and fragility fractures, and manage chronic musculoskeletal pain.
- The network promotes strategic direction that is co-produced with people with lived experience, embedding shared decision-making, and so is more likely to reduce health inequalities and focus on what matters to people with musculoskeletal health conditions.
- Addressing musculoskeletal health will help people get back to work. This supports one of the ICS' key roles to help the NHS to support broader social and economic development.

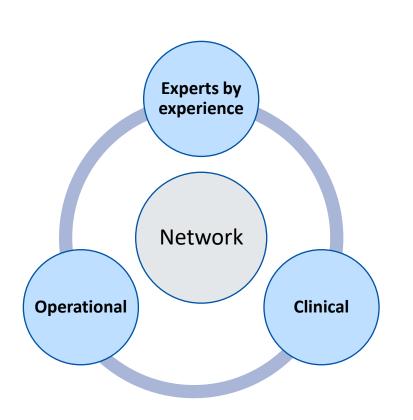
Why me? (You, the reader)

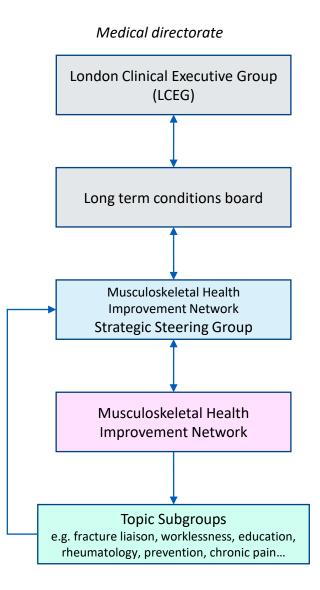
- Improving musculoskeletal health is a 'wicked problem' because interventions have unpredictable consequences and the solutions are unknown in advance. Therefore, the network provides a safe space to explore multiple points of view, applying multiple small interventions and promoting a quality improvement approach without fear of failure.
- All members of the network can improve musculoskeletal health and reduce health inequalities within their sphere of influence, from booking staff and front-line clinicians to those with leadership roles at all levels from departments to the region, promoting and sharing best-practice through the network.
- Ultimately, we all have a role in raising awareness of the problems (such as health inequalities in access to services), advocating for change and action. (Kings Fund 2021)



Strategic network – structure and members





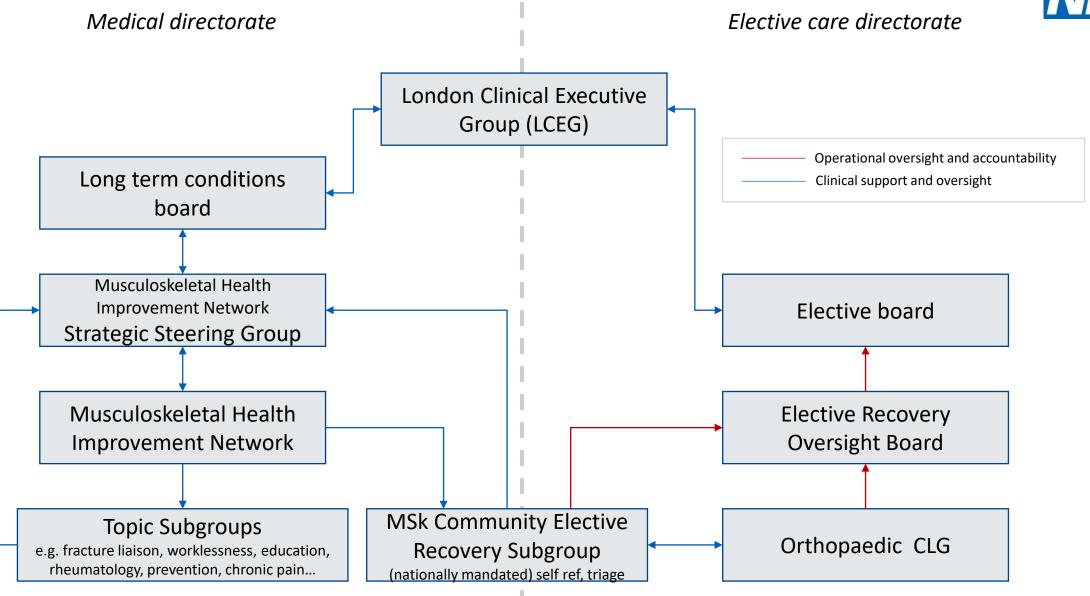


Open to anyone who has an interest in improving musculoskeletal health

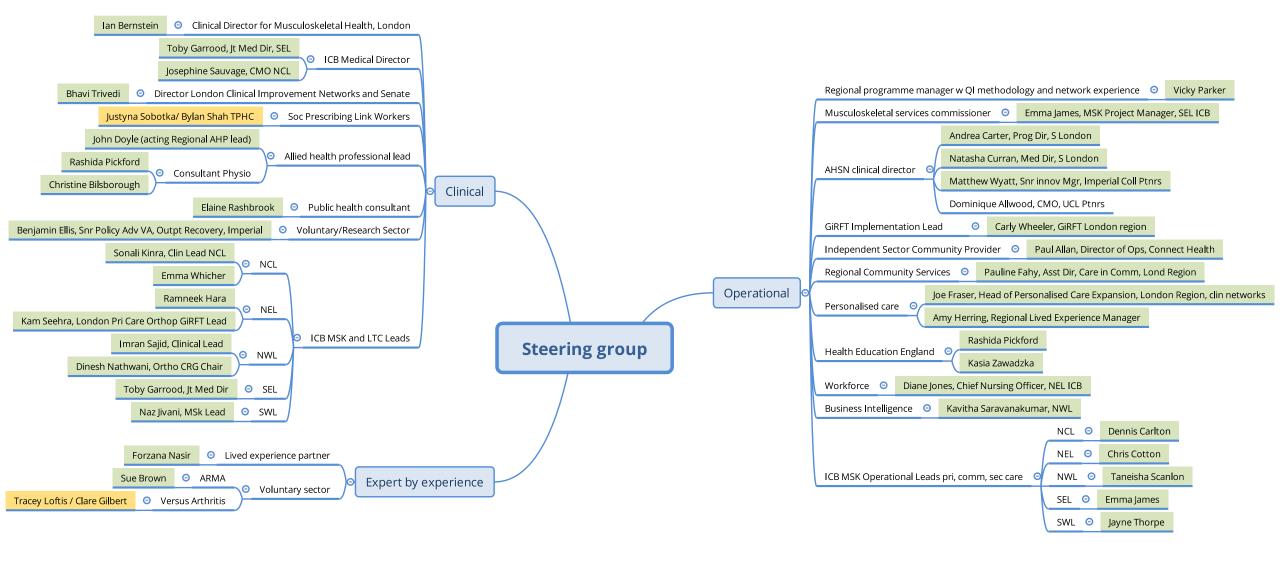
- people with lived experience
- service providers from primary, community and secondary care
- commissioners and operational leads
- local authorities and directors of public health
- employment advisors
- social prescribing link workers and health coaches
- workforce and education leads
- close relationships with existing regional clinical networks including mental health and frailty

Musculoskeletal Health Improvement Network Governance Model v03





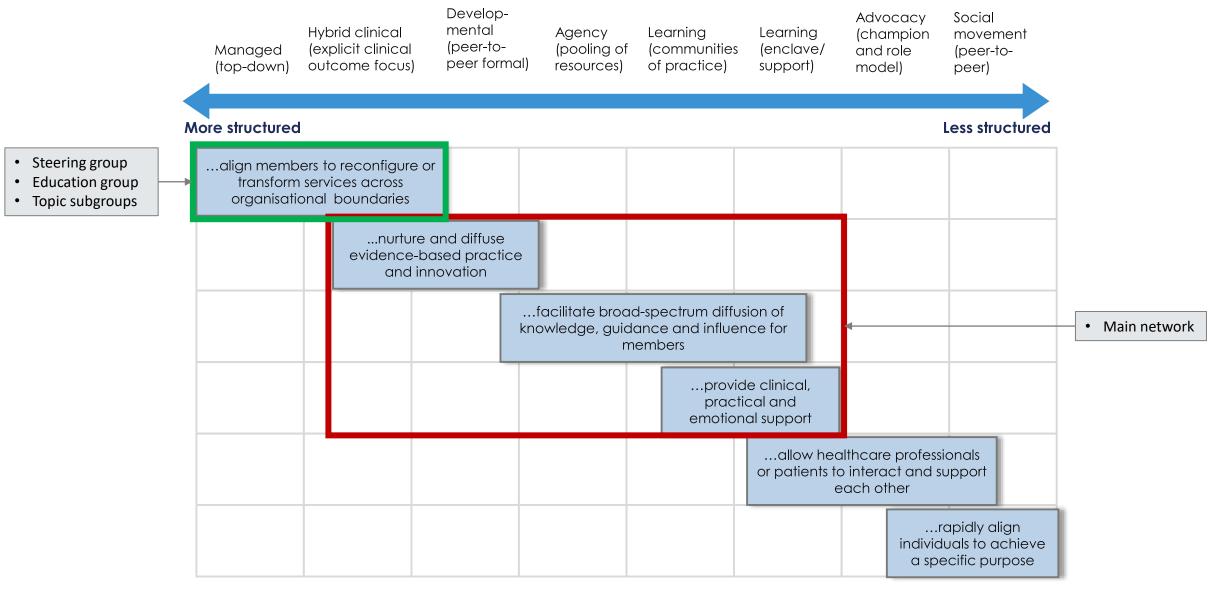




Strategic network – function







Strategic network – timeline



Scoping

Jul – Nov 22 Aims, structure, alignment with NHS operating framework and priorities, BestMSK and public health priorities

Setup

Nov 22 – Apr 23 ICB and lived experience engagement, scoping, recruit steering group, priorities, terms of reference, socialise network

Go Live!

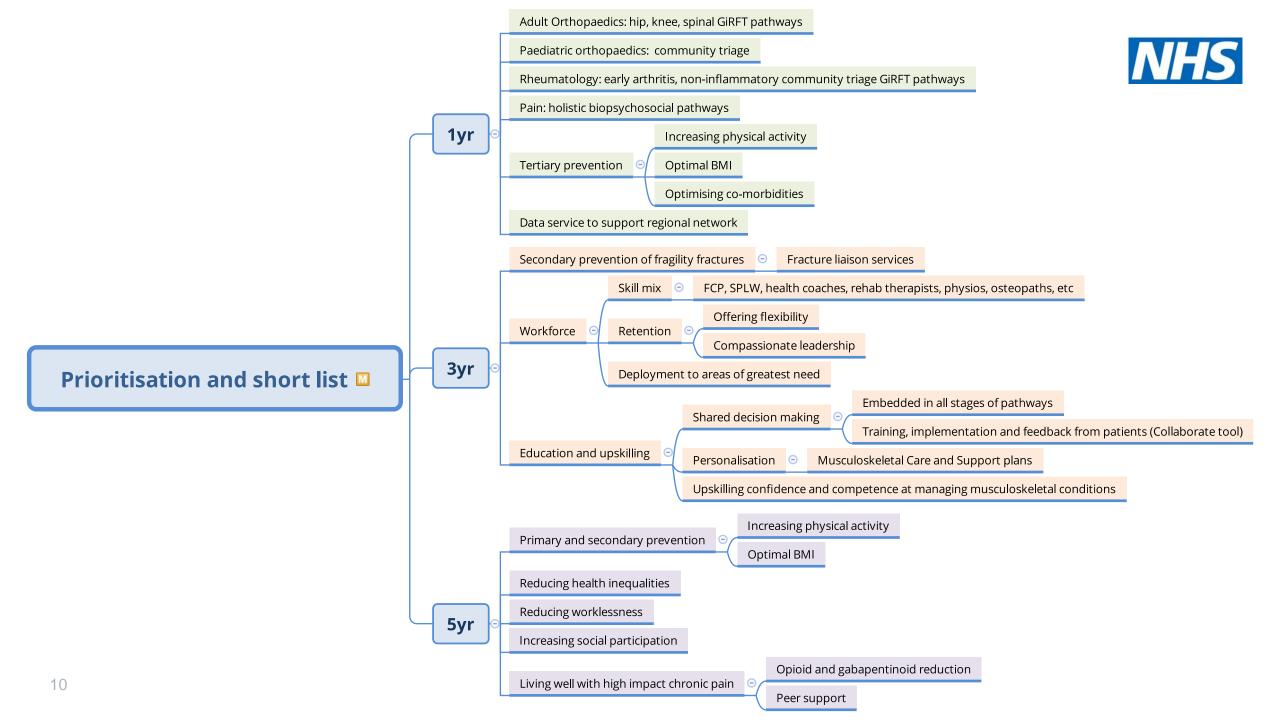
Apr 23 onwards

Main network to coalesce around 2-3 medium and long term objectives, recruit to topic subgroups, share best practice

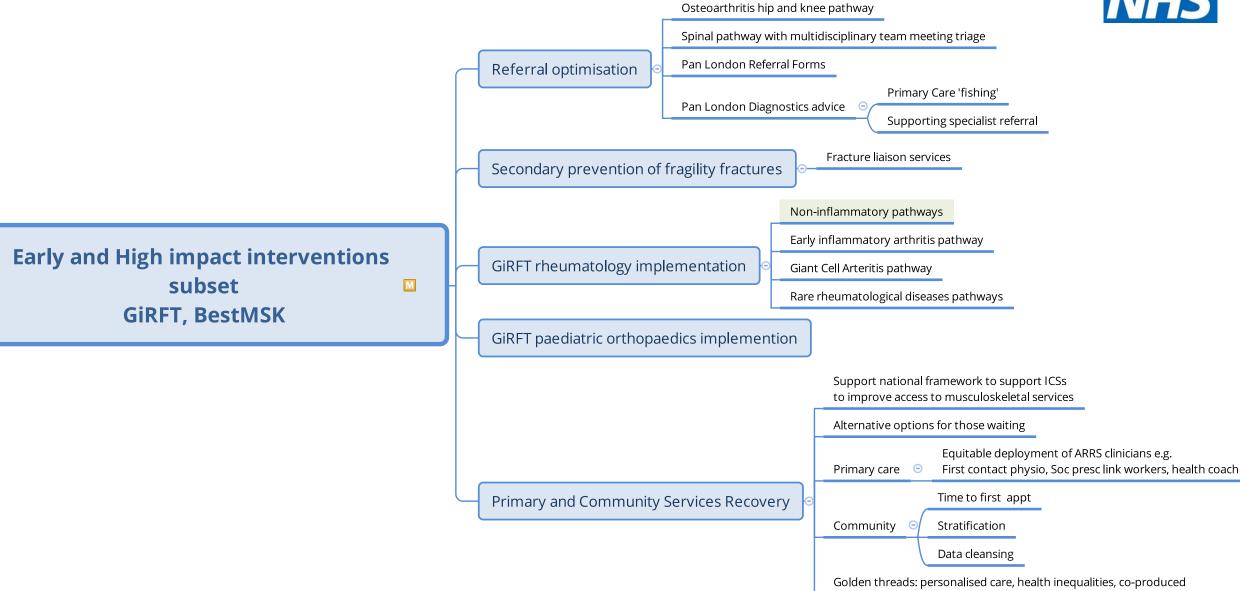
Strategic network – topics



- Discuss and nominate one long, one medium and one short term project
- Checklist
 - Does this reduce variation that causes harm or poor outcomes?
 - Is it important?
 - Does is add value (improved access, outcomes, experience)?
 - Is it feasible?







Musculoskeletal Health Improvement Network - London Region Alignment with NHS England Operating Framework 2022



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