

Establishing a Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health Improvement Network for London – a case study





Our vision



- Promote lifelong best musculoskeletal health across all communities
- Sustain delivery of evidence informed personalised high-quality healthcare of value to all

Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health Improvement Network for London – Topic Subgroups

Topic		Problem statement(s)
	Community elective care	 There is significant variation across London in the time patients are waiting to start definitive treatment (Right care, right setting, right time)
	Work and health	 People with MSK conditions are less likely to be in work than people with no long-term health condition and are more likely to retire early. Good work reduces poverty and health inequalities
	Learning, development and collaboration	The non-MSK workforce needs confidence and skills to advise and help support self-management
		 The MSK workforce needs to develop competencies to serve population needs and retain staff
		 The MSK network needs a space to collaborate, share ideas and best practice, and provide a community of practice
	Bone health	 There is significant variation across London in health outcomes for people with, or likely to have, sub-optimal bone health (e.g. fragility fractures, risk of falls, adherence to bone-sparing medication, low physical activity, poor diet)

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Workstreams		Future development
	Community elective care	NHSE Regional programme supporting ICBs
	Work and health	OHID leading community of practice across London
	Learning, development and collaboration	 Non-MSk Health professionals training in delivering physical activity advice delivered by partner organisation MSk professional training delivered by HIN + sponsors? Regional Personalised Care Team training events ARMA Collaboration Platform
	Bone health	 Royal Osteoporosis Society event for ICBs and Emergency Departments (to discuss)



Local Services Project (England)

- ARMA is encouraging local systems work to improve their MSK services and support in line with the principles of Best MSK Health:
 - A system wide approach including primary, secondary and community services
 - Co-production involving people with lived experience and those who use MSK services in decision making.
 - Tackling health inequalities as part of the work
- ARMA has developed an online resource, using Trello, for people to share information and resources about MSK service improvement



Local Services Project (England)

http://arma.uk.net/msk-services/local-services-project-england/





Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health Improvement Network for London – Workstreams

Workstream		Potential topics
	Community elective care	 PIFU for community services Self-referral support Waiting well support MSK triage services MSK-secondary care MDTs FCP support and governance Community services data collection (enabler) Mutual aid for community services Pathway implementation for high volume conditions Expanding the workforce

Establishing a Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health Improvement Network for London

Establishing a regional MSK health improvement network has...

raised the profile of the burden of MSK problems and health inequalities...

to support ICSs to **deliver lifelong** best MSK health
across all communities

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