Panel Membership

❶ First convened in April 2022

❶ Builds on successful work of the GMOPN

❶ Designed as mix of individuals familiar with range of projects Greater Manchester Older People's Network and GM Ageing Hub had collaborated on and people who were new to the GM Ageing ecosystem.

Panel Membership

14 Active Members. Has ranged from 8-21

Representation: Gtr Manchester Boroughs, range of ages, marginalised groups, people with disabilities, lived experience.

Plans:
Recruiting in April – aim to welcome 5 new members

Priorities

Feedback from consultation during recruitment.

- Access to Primary Care
- Housing
- Ageism – valuable not vulnerable
- Lack of uptake of eligible benefits
- Transport

- Social Care
- Workplace experience
- Digital exclusion
- Financial Hardship
- Barriers to access of services

Panel Priorities

Subgroups were set up to address 3 prioritised themes

- Care settings

- Financial hardship

- Digital participation

Digital Participation

- Easology – Co-production work on developing an age friendly interface for Android phones

- Websites Audit – informal assessment of Council websites for Age Friendly use

- Contributing to the work on the Digital Switchover

Care Settings

- Working with the GM ASC Transformation Team to provide input from lived experience perspective

- Linked with the Enhanced Health at Home working group

- Presentation on Falls Prevention at next panel meeting

Financial Hardship

- Promotion of Pension top up campaigns across GM

- Contribution from the panel to GM Ageing Hub submission on Pensioner Poverty

Collaboration with GMOPN

- Working with GMOPN to host an event in October 2023 – "Living It Up In Later Life"

- Help to further highlight how people prepare for later life and what barriers exist

- Report shared with Mayoral candidates in May 24 and updated themes identified by the panel as part of initial work.

Good Employment Week

In October 2024 the panel hosted an event
as part of Good Employment Week

"Embracing Age Inclusivity"

o Explored how to create a workplace which attracted older people

o Supported people to remain in work when changes bring fresh challenges

o Developed a more inclusive culture.

Panel involvement

o Adult Social Care Transformation
o Financial Hardship for Older People Steering Group DIAN
o Ageing in Place Pathfinders
o Preparation for the Digital Switchover
o NIHR – HAPRU
o Housing First
o Live Well