

COVID-19 VACCINATION TRAINING HUB

The Covid Vaccination Training Hub was set up by the Federation in January 2021 at the request of Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership to upskill workforce quickly to support the Covid vaccination programme.

From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, **64 people** were referred into the hub and trained from across Greater Manchester.

The hub also trained an additional **150 people** who came through Bolton GP practices, Bolton Hospital, Army personnel, St John Ambulance and NHS Professionals.

Each person trained followed a Vaccinators Competency Assessment. Once this was completed and their training had been observed, it was signed off as competent. Following this, their GM Covid-19 Training Passports were approved. This passport could be used at Covid vaccination sites across the whole of Greater Manchester.

Types of roles that have become vaccinators:

Opticians	Dentists
Pharmacists	Dental Technicians
Pharmacy Technicians	Dental Hygienists
Health Care Support Workers	Orthodontists
Critical Care Nurse	Orthodontal Technicians
Learning Disability Nurses	Orthodontal Hygienists
GPs	Registered Nurses Adult
Retired GPs	Registered Nurses Paediatric
Army Personnel	Public Health Nurses
Health & Social Care Students	

We have welcomed people from the surrounding areas:



2022

For 2022 the Training Hub will be part of the GM Nurse pathway and will support GM localities with general practice nursing services such as cervical cytology, immunisations and vaccinations and mentorship and support.

I was really happy with the training provided by Kath Arrowsmith...she taught me everything step-by-step and she really helped build my confidence in vaccinating.

Kathryn was very organised, clear, and patient. First class trainer.

Although I am nurse who has given injections, I have never done immunisations before, so this detailed training was more useful than I had expected it to be... I found the opportunity to do some vaccinations under supervision quite refreshing and useful in knowing that I was following the correct technique.

I found the session really helpful and I did value the process pathway from start to finish. Kath was really easy to talk with and answered all my questions. I felt at ease and definitely would recommend the morning to anyone who needs an update on theory and practical support!

