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# GMLPN Network Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

10:00-13:00



# Agenda

- Welcome | Mark Currie | Chair of GMLPN
  - Member Consultation
- Member Ofsted Inspection experiences
  - a. **Kids Planet Day Nurseries | Manchester Adult Education | Mantra Learning**
- Darren Kewley | Technical Director | **Protos Networks**
- Steve Oakes | Business Development Manager | **Peninsula**
- Break
- Jonathan Bourne | Managing Director | **Damar Training**
- GMLPN Update
  - a. FE Recruitment
  - b. Mental Health Support
    - a. **Kooth & Qwell**
  - c. Multiply
  - d. Provider Support Programme
  - e. NSN
- Sharon Weetman | Principal – Education, Skills & Work | **GMCA**
- Close | Mark Currie | Chair of GMLPN

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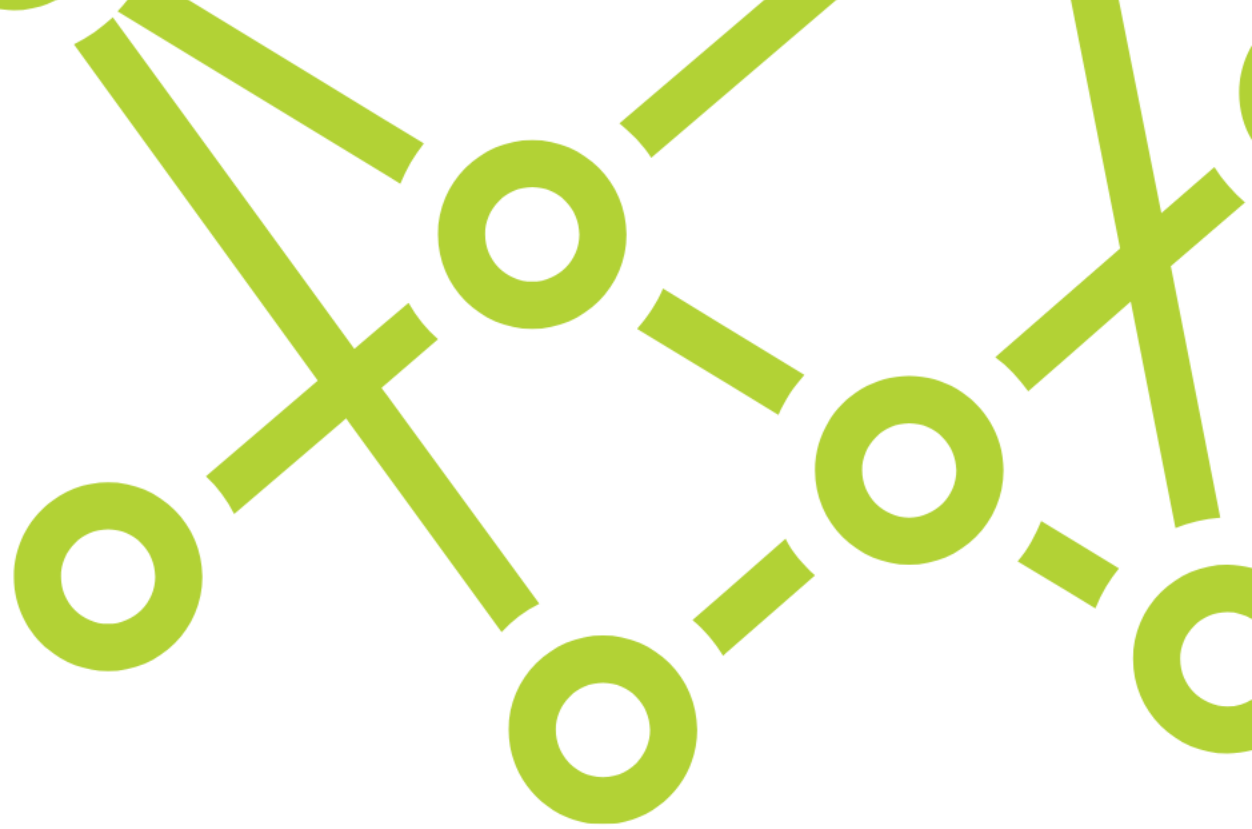


# Mark Currie | Welcome

GMLPN



# **GMLPN Member Consultation - 2023**



# Ofsted Inspection Experiences - Breakouts



**Manchester  
Adult  
Education**

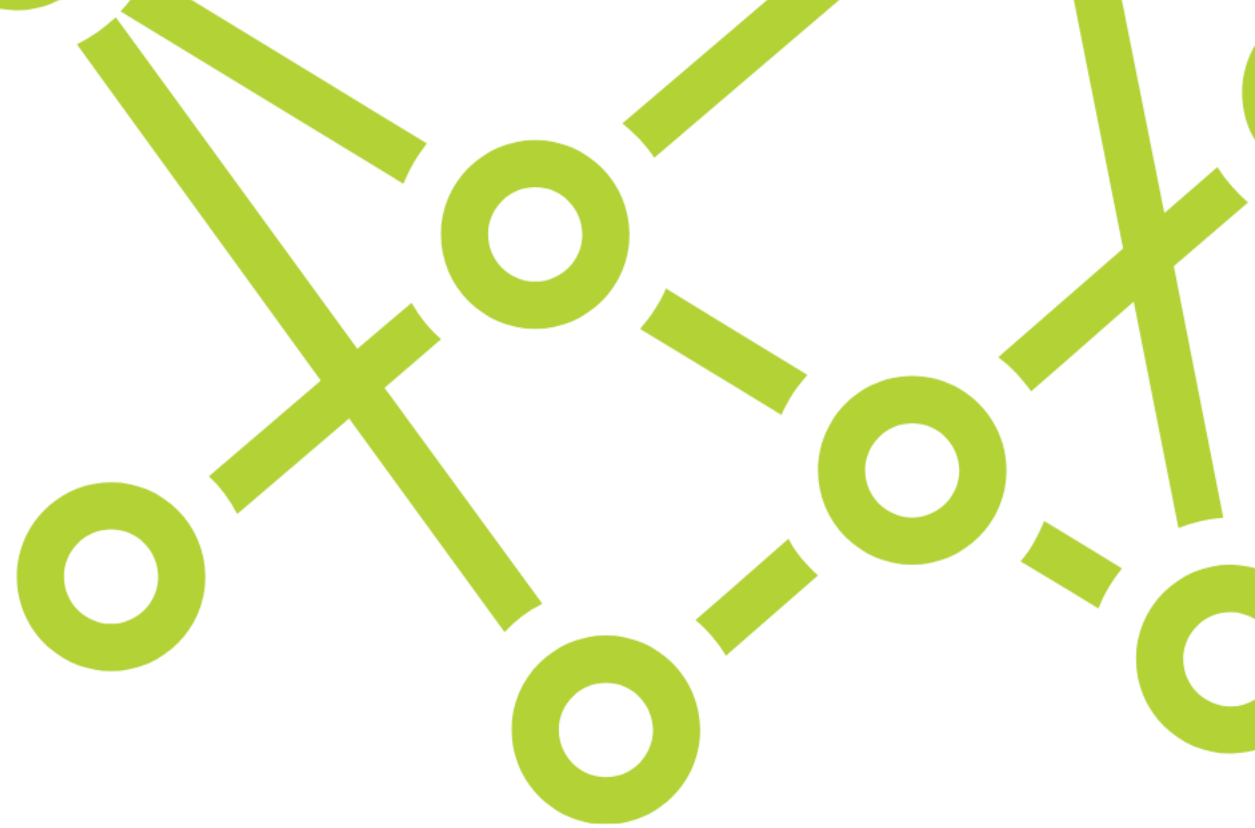


# Ofsted Updates - Breakouts

- There will be 3 Breakout rooms
  - Room 1 – Anne/Sumayya
  - Room 2 – Matt
  - Room 3 Charlotte
- You will be sent to a Breakout room for the whole session
- The speakers will be moved around the rooms after 6 minutes – so you will hear from all 3 speakers
  - James will put a one minute warning in the chat before moving a speaker
- Speakers will be Mantra Learning, Kids Planet Day Nurseries and Michaela Salmon | Manchester Adult Education

# Darren Kewley

Technical Director | Protos Networks



# Introduction to the Cyber Essentials Scheme

**Darren Kewley**

Technical Director, Protos Networks





# Agenda

- Scheme overview
- Why it's important
- Certification process
- Certification support and tips

# Scheme Overview



- Cyber Essentials is a government-backed scheme launched in 2014 and overseen by the National Cyber Security Centre
- IASME is the sole Accreditation Body that oversees over 200 Certification Bodies, such as Protos Networks
- Encourages organisations to adopt good practices in information security and – when properly implemented – can protect against 80% of common, internet-borne cyber attacks
- The scheme has two levels, Cyber Essentials is self-certification, and Cyber Essentials Plus is an independent verification of the Cyber Essentials certification
- Now required for many public and private sector contracts, and increasingly required by insurance companies
- Required by the Education Skills Funding Agency, regional councils and the DfE
- Covers five areas of technical controls...

# Technical Controls

- Boundary firewalls
- Secure configuration
- Access control
- Malware protection
- Patch Management



## What is 'in scope'?

- Any computer which handles your data
- Mobile devices and tablets
- This includes personal devices!
- Firewalls and routers
- Cloud systems such as Microsoft 365
- Consultants and contractors

# Importance

## Why is Cyber Essentials important?

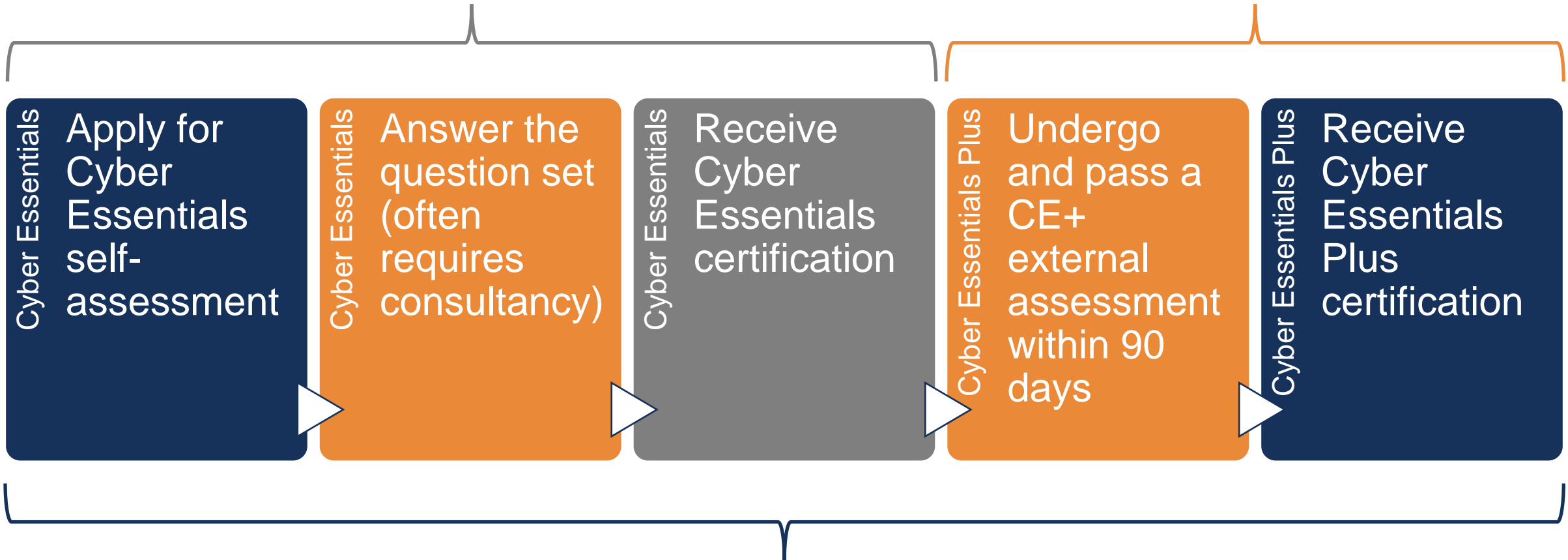
- Sets a standard baseline for cyber hygiene
- Protects against common cyber threats
- Cyber security is linked to data protection
- Increases business resilience and continuity
- Supply chain compliance
- Bigger contracts = more business!

# Certification Process



Customer, IT Supplier and/or Certification Body Support

Carried out by Certification Body



Protos Networks Guidance Through Both Levels

# Cyber Essentials Self-Assessment



- 82 questions across the five areas
- Requires gathering a complete list of in-scope assets
- IT or Certification Body support is often required
- Advised to have centralised management of computers and mobiles
- All operating systems and software must be supported
- Password, pin and device locking controls required
- Multi-factor authentication on cloud applications (i.e. M365)
- Controls apply to contractors and BYOD devices



# Cyber Essentials Plus Audit



- Test 1 – External vulnerability assessment
- Test 2 – Authenticated internal vulnerability assessment
- Test 3 – Check of malware protection for End User Devices
- Test 4 – Checking devices against malware delivered by email
- Test 5 – Checking devices against malware delivered by the web
- Test 6 – Check multi-factor authentication is enabled
- Test 7 – Check of account separation





# Questions?



[protosnetworks.com](http://protosnetworks.com)

[sales@protosnetworks.com](mailto:sales@protosnetworks.com)

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**Darren Kewley**  
Technical Director

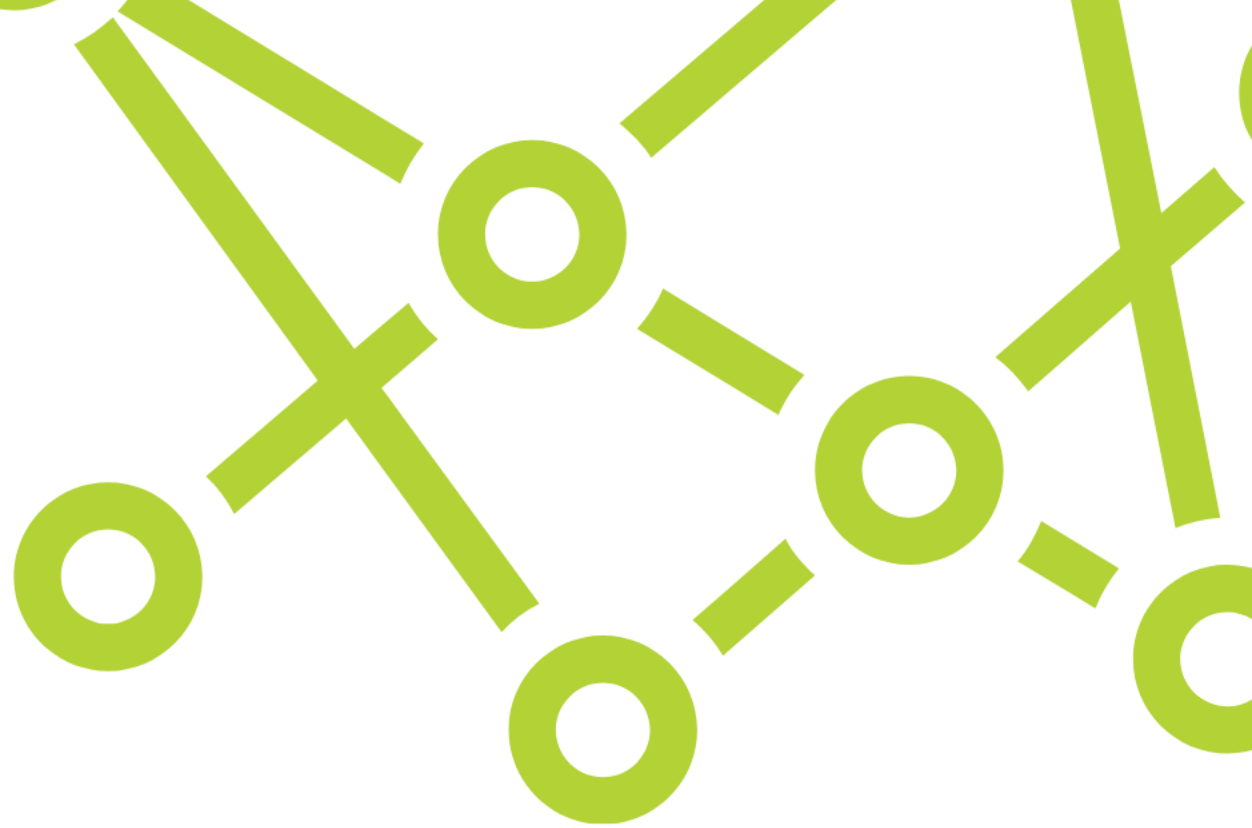


# Steve Oakes

Business Development Manager | Peninsula



**PENINSULA**





Would you be interested in setting up a complimentary consultation to discuss any of below?

- Business partnership with Peninsula that include complimentary employment law and or health & safety session and consultation's for your own clients.
- Watertight contracts, documents and employee handbooks.
- Reduce sickness, lateness and absences.
- Resolve employee under performance.
- Manage any staffing concerns.

**[Steve.oakes@peninsula-uk.com](mailto:Steve.oakes@peninsula-uk.com)**

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**Break**

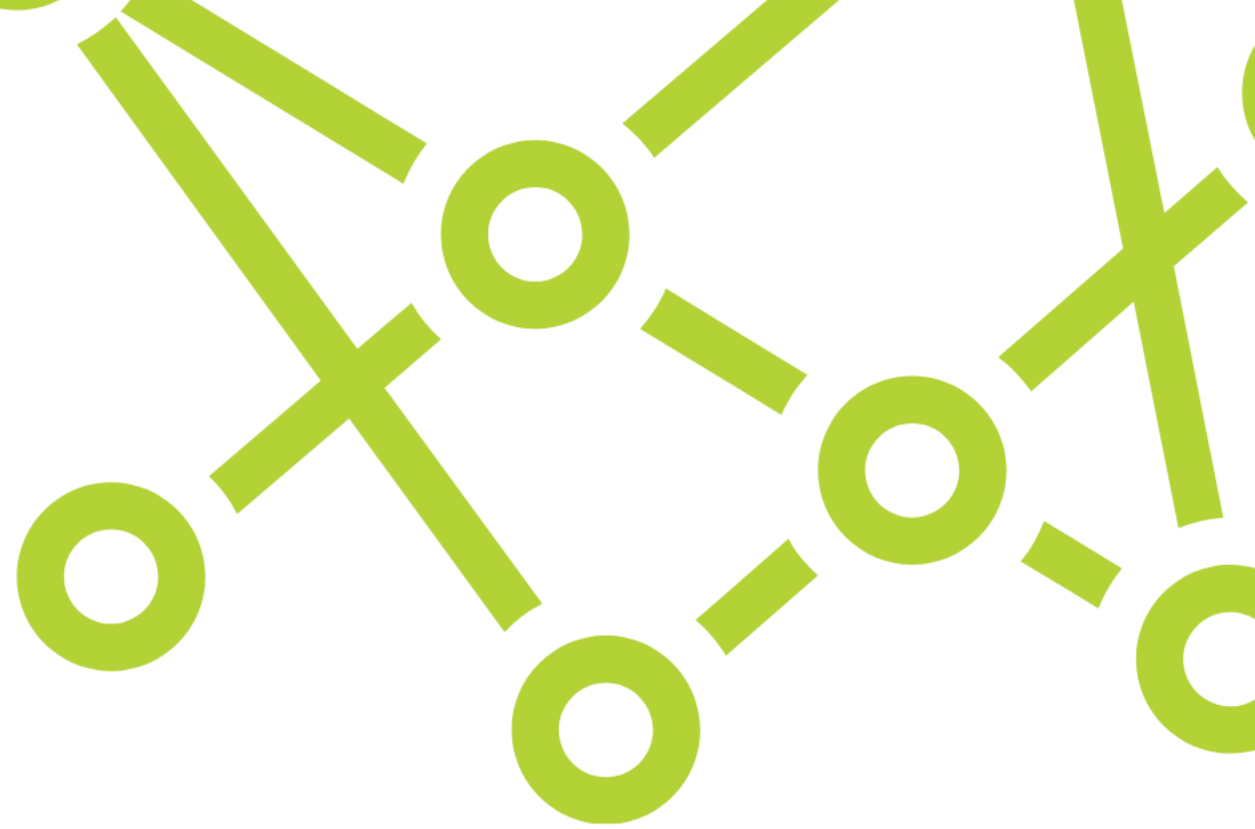


# Jonathan Bourne

Managing Director | Damar Training



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# GMLPN Update



# Jobs in FE – Jobs Board

## Re-launch!

Jobs in Further Education  
Greater Manchester



## Search for Jobs

Jobs in Further Education  
Greater Manchester



Use the search below to search for jobs! If you are unsure what job may be right for you, you can create a profile via the Candidate Registration page.

Keyword ... Location ...

Freelance  Full-time  Maternity Cover  
 Part-time

No job listings found.

### Menu

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## Search Employers with vacancies

Jobs in Further Education  
Greater Manchester



Keyword ... Location ...

Bolton College	United Kingdom	0 jobs	Jun, 13
Bury Adult Learning Service	United Kingdom	0 jobs	Jul, 05
Damar Training	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
Elevated Knowledge LTD	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
Expanse Learning	United Kingdom	0 jobs	Jun, 21
Healthy Me Healthy Communities	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
Kids planet training Academy	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 31
Mantra Learning	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
Oldham College	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
OTC Limited	United Kingdom	0 jobs	Jun, 13
Positive Steps	United Kingdom	0 jobs	Jun, 09
Rochdale Training	United Kingdom	0 jobs	May, 24
S.C.C. Salford City College Group	United Kingdom	0 jobs	

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# Jobs in FE – Jobs Board

Jobs in Further Education

Greater Manchester



## Re-launch!

- Refocus the aims...
  - To get FE Providers to think differently about recruitment
  - To encourage new talent into the FE sector
- Jobs board
  - Will only be for jobs that will accept a “trainee” route e.g. not requesting specific quals/experience
- Identifying training
  - Training that our members deliver that can be used to onboard and upskill the new talent through e.g. AEB



# Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

## ETF – AOC Mental Health & Wellbeing Leadership Programme

- Development of webinars, podcasts, blogs and resources focused on:
  - **Leading Through Crisis**
  - **Managing Trauma**
  - **Mental Wealth**



### Webinar 1:

Leading through Crises

*Aimed at senior leaders in FE*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

10.30am-12.00pm

[Book here](#)

### Webinar 2:

Managing Trauma

*Aimed at middle managers in FE*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

11.00am-12.30pm

[Book here](#)

### Webinar 3:

Mental Wealth

*Aimed at middle managers in FE*

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

2.30pm-4pm

[Book here](#)

# Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

## Save the Date!

- **Mental Health & Wellbeing Professional Exchange**
  - *focused on staff and learners*
- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 | 10.00-12.00
- Facilitated by Dr Barbara Van Der Eecken

# Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Education Support

Need to talk?  
You're not alone

Call us.  
**We'll listen.**

**08000 562 561**

Free and confidential emotional support  
for teachers and education staff



 Education  
Support



# Free, safe and anonymous mental health support

For all ages in **Greater Manchester.**

For ages 10-25: **kooth.com**

For ages 26+: **qwell.io**



# About Kooth.com

- Kooth was founded in 2001 to help break down the stigma attached to Mental Health Services
- Our support is online, anonymous and self-referral based
- Kooth is our flagship service, that has won awards for delivery. It works best as a fully integrated service, it also provides a gateway to other services (including face to face counselling)
- Kooth attracts young people with a range of needs from a variety of different backgrounds



# About Qwell.io

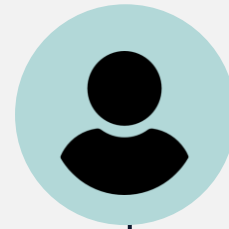
- Qwell emerged in 2018. After seeing the impact we were having with Kooth, we wanted to replicate this service provision with adults to help increase adult access to digital mental health support
- Qwell is one of the only BACP accredited digital services for adults
- Qwell offers the same model of care as Kooth
- Over 10 million adults in the UK have access to Qwell
- Qwell is now available to all adults aged 26+ across Greater Manchester
- Both Kooth and Qwell have been commissioned by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership



# Prevention through to support for most vulnerable

## Anonymous Users

Our users remain anonymous, giving them confidence to speak out and access support without the fear of judgement.



## Therapeutic Choice

We offer a full mental health toolkit - giving our users the opportunity to choose what kind of support works for them.

### Community Support

#### Discussion Boards

Our vibrant community interacts with other users via our peer to peer support forums

#### Magazine

Over 100,000 articles, pre-moderated and 70% user generated

#### Activities / Collections

Our mini-activities on Kooth and Collections on Qwell support in building a range of healthy habits, combined with peer support.

#### Goal Setting

Personal goals can be set and monitored in a safe moderated environment

#### Journal

A private yet simple and effective way to track mood and identify personal triggers.

#### Live Chat

IMMEDIATE access to qualified counsellors through drop-in or pre-arranged online chat.

#### 24-Hour Messaging

Message the counselling team at any time of the day to receive support

### Self Help Tools

### Practitioner intervention



Kooth and Qwell are anonymous services.


We don't need to know who you are.

We will only ask you a few questions like your town, age, ethnicity and gender when you sign up.


**Sign up**

**Where do you live?**

The area I live in...

Choose from this list 

The place I live in...

Choose from this list 


Cancel sign up Next

**Sign up**


**When were you born?**

Kooth is only available to a certain age range.

Year

Choose from this list 

Month

Choose from this list 

Cancel sign up Next

**Sign up**

**Which best describes you?**


These questions help us to understand who uses Kooth.

My gender is best described as....

Male Female Agender

Gender fluid

My ethnicity most closes matches...

Choose from this list 

Cancel sign up Next





# Pick a username that won't identify you!

- janedoeagram** ❌ Your instagram username
- johndoe2021** ❌ Your name
- xX\_johnbot5** ❌ Your gamertag
- BD5UD83XC** ❌ Something you'll forget

We don't ask for your email so we can't reset your password if you forget. Make sure you remember it!



### Sign up

#### Pick a username and password

Make sure you remember your username and password. It's the only way to access your account.

To protect your anonymity don't use real name, your date of birth or your username from another site or service.

**Username**

- ✓ Please do not use special symbols
- ✓ Between 6 and 20 characters
- ✓ Username must be unique (not already)

#### Password

Make sure your password:

- ✓ is a mixture of uppercase, lowercase and numbers
- ✓ is 8 or more characters
- ✓ does not match your username.

#### Confirm password

- ✓ Passwords match

To use Kooth you must agree to our terms of service and read our [Privacy and Safety page](#)

 I agree

**Cancel sign up** Next

# Online counselling & well-being support

- Text based support - live chat sessions and asynchronous messaging
- First three sessions are assessment based - building a picture of need and presenting issues
- Open 365 days a year
- 12-10pm weekdays, 6-10pm weekends



# How Kooth Digital Health supports service users

## Practitioner led support pathways

Sessions with our service delivery team target a range of issues at different levels of complexity.

## Assessment tools

At Kooth plc we use a range of appropriate assessment tools for Kooth and Qwell to measure our treatment effectiveness.

## Case Management

We keep thorough and encrypted case note records for all service users we support on Kooth and Qwell.

## Safeguarding

We are experienced in holding people in crisis and utilising safeguarding principles to govern practice.

**Both young people and adults do not need an official referral to Kooth and Qwell to access the respective services. Service users are invited and welcome to join our platforms as long as they fall within the age range that is available to their area.**




# SEND Provision

Kooth plc ensures our platforms meet the **Web Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA**. Following these guidelines makes content more accessible to a wider range of people with disabilities, including accommodations for:

- *Visual and hearing loss and impairments*
- *Limited movement*
- *Language and speech disabilities*
- *Photosensitivity*
- *Learning disabilities and cognitive limitations*

If someone has any learning difficulties or learning needs, we would look to adapt our approach to their strengths. We are also happy to liaise with other external agencies, if an individual consents to this, to ensure joined up care.

At the same time, the site does rely on text-based interactions, and this may mean that it is not the best or most suitable platform for some individuals with learning difficulties. If this appeared to be the case, we would signpost them to other services that may be able to better meet their needs.



What your local  
engagement lead  
can offer.

- Engagement Programme containing a list of our core and enrichment sessions
- Kooth / Qwell training for professionals
- Promotional materials
- Access to regular updates on our mailing list



# Dates for our upcoming webinars

*GMLPN PSP: An Introduction to Kooth.* Wednesday 25th  
October, 10-11am

*GMLPN PSP: An Introduction to Qwell.* Wednesday 8th  
November, 10-11am



# Thank you Any Questions?

**Contact Details:**  
*[greatermanchester@kooth.com](mailto:greatermanchester@kooth.com)*

*Resources available at  
[promote.kooth.com](https://promote.kooth.com)*



# Provider Support Programme



## Upcoming Events

### September

#### **Professional Exchange: VSCE Providers**

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept | 14.30-15.30

Online

Facilitated by Hollie Walsh

[Book here](#)

#### **Effectively planning, teaching & assessing the apprentice learning journey**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept | 13.00-16.00

Online | £59 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Marina Gaze

[Book here](#)



# Provider Support Programme



## Upcoming Events

### October

#### **Empowering employers for successful apprenticeships**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Oct | 10.00-12.00

Online | £39 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Dr Barbara Van der Eecken

[Book here](#)

#### **GMLPN Member Ofsted Update Webinar**

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct | 10.00-11.00

Online

Delivered by Paul Cocker

[Book here](#)

#### **GMLPN Network Meeting**

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct | 9.00-13.00

@ Blackley Golf Club

[Book here](#)

#### **An Introduction to Kooth**

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Oct | 10.00-11.00

Online

[Book here](#)

#### **Ensuring governance is good in ITPS**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct | 13.00-16.00

Online | £59 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Marina Gaze

[Book here](#)

# Provider Support Programme



## Upcoming Events

### November

#### **Embedding Sustainability into Apprenticeship Curriculums**

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov | 9.30-12.30

Online | £49 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Christine Edwards

[Book here](#)

#### **An Introduction to Qwell**

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov | 10.00-11.00

Online

[Book here](#)

#### **Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism**

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Nov | 10.00-12.00

Online | £39 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Rachael Bishop

[Book here](#)

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#### **Set the bar high and embed a culture of excellence**

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov | 10.00-12.00

Online | £39 (+fee + VAT)

Delivered by Dr Barbara Van der Eecken

[Book here](#)

# SAVE THE DATE!

## GMLPN Network Meeting (AGM) & Member and Stakeholder Celebration



GMLPN Network Meeting and Member & Stakeholder Celebration Event

7th December 2023 | 10.00-16.00  
@ GMCC, Elliot House, Deansgate




**Book your place:** [GMLPN Network Meeting & AGM - GM Chamber of Commerce Tickets, Thu 7 Dec 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

# Multiply PSP Update Event

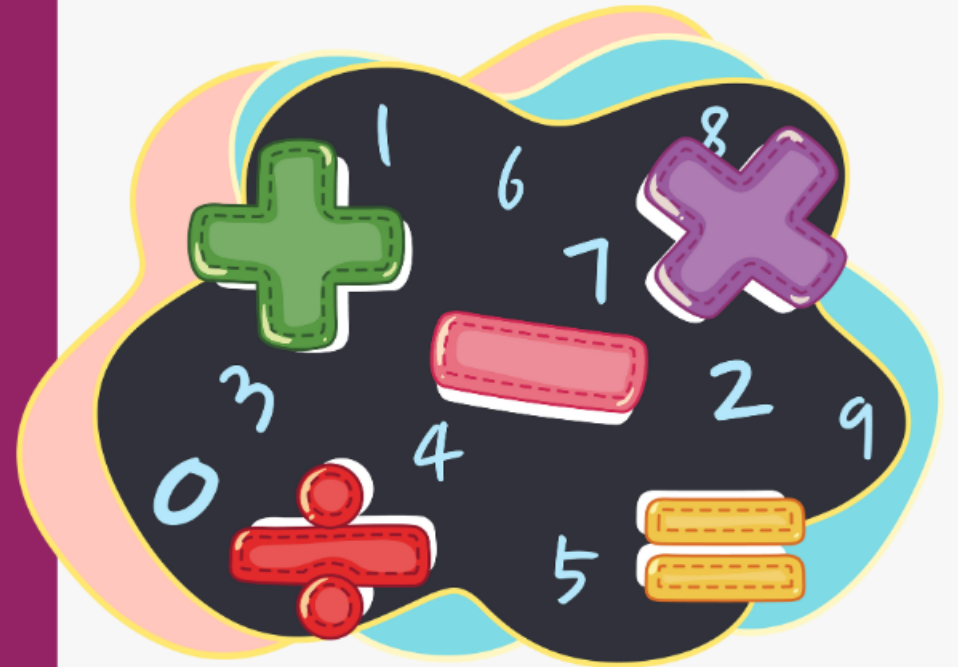
Join us on the 2nd October to find out more about the Multiply Provider Support Programme (PSP).

The fully funded CPD programme is available to any training provider in Greater Manchester to support them to **build their confidence, increase capacity and quality of their maths delivery!**

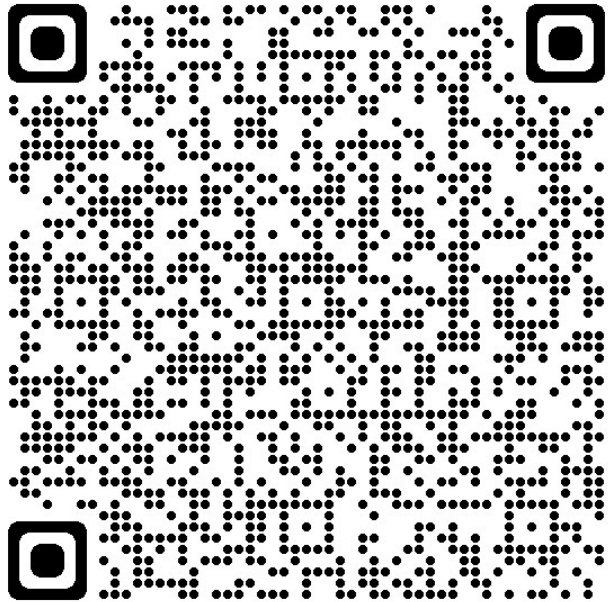
 2nd October 2023

 14.30-15.30

 Microsoft Teams



# Multiply PSP – Events Calendar



Scan the QR code  
for a full list of  
upcoming events!

Events Include:

- **Numeracy for Employability**
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September | F2F
- **Problem Solving for Maths**
  - 28<sup>th</sup> September | Webinar
- **Reducing the Cost of Living**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> October | Webinar
- **Functional Skills Maths Methods**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> October | F2F
- **Wellbeing, Classroom Management and Positive Approaches**
  - 19<sup>th</sup> October | F2F

# Northern Skills Network

## NORTHERN SKILLS NETWORK CONFERENCE

Save The Date!



BOOK TODAY!

Join us for our annual Northern Skills Network Conference!

The conference will focus on how the Further Education Skills System can reach its full potential and contribute to the Levelling Up Agenda!



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Agenda includes:

- **Robert Halfon MP**, Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education
- **Henri Murison**, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- **David Gallagher**, NCFE
- **Ruth Angus**, Ofsted
- LSIP Panel Discussion
- **Julie Liddell**, Still Human
- Learner/Apprentice Panel Discussion

[Click here to book](#)

Use code **NORTH23** to get buy-1-get-1 free on tickets!

# Northern Skills Network



Following the success of our 2022 event, we are hosting The 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Green Skills Showcase conference is taking place on **25<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 – 12.30 via Teams.**

This **free event** brings together representatives from across the North to present & showcase the work they are doing on greening up the curriculum.

[Click here to book](#)

# Northern Skills Network



## Further Education Recruitment & Retention NSN Roundtable

On the **4<sup>th</sup> of October, 9.30-11.30** Northern Skills Network are having their second **FE Recruitment & Retention Roundtable**, following on from the successful first Roundtable earlier this year!

The focus of this Roundtable will be to review and **understand if the same challenges still prevail surround FE Recruitment & Retention**. It will give you the opportunity to share your views, challenges and any best practice and inform NSN's work within this priority going forward. You will also get an update local projects and initiatives.

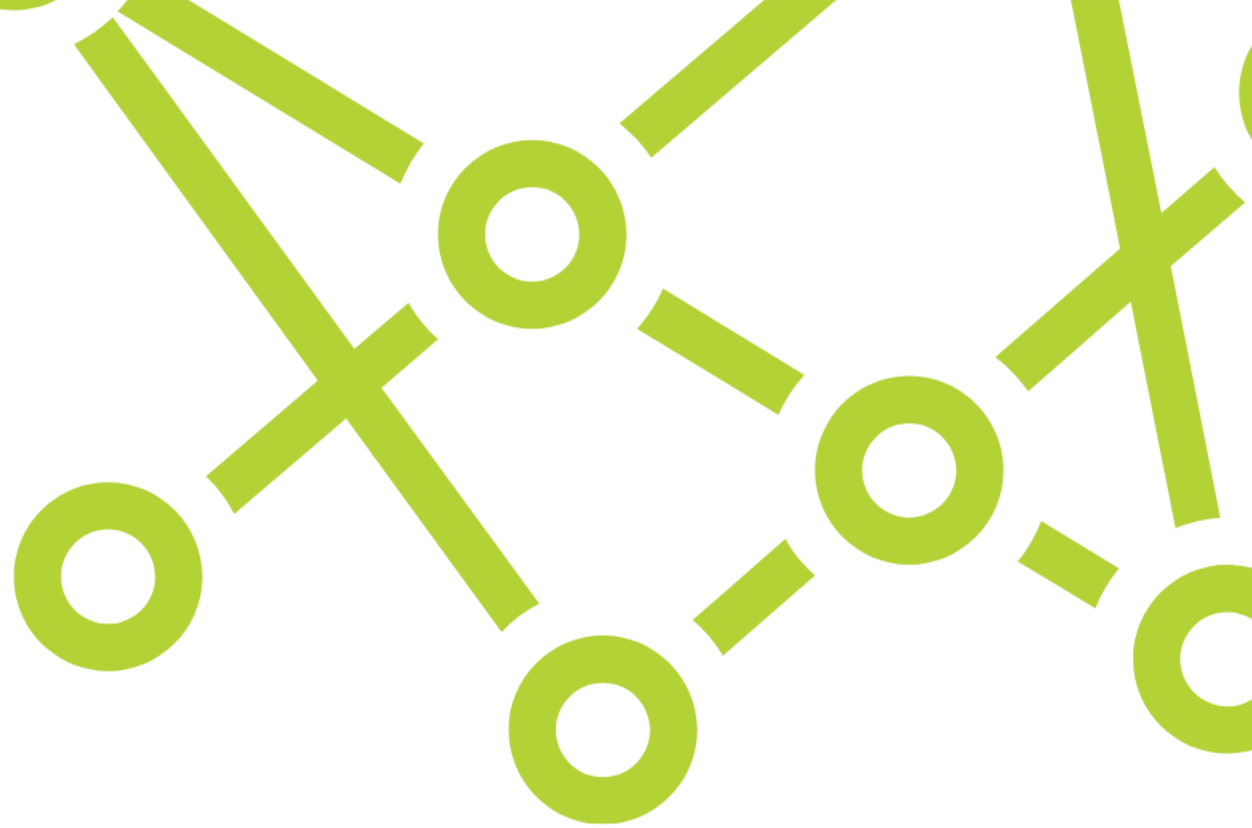
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# Sharon Weetman

Principal – Education, Skills & Work | GMCA

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# Towards an Integrated Technical Education City Region

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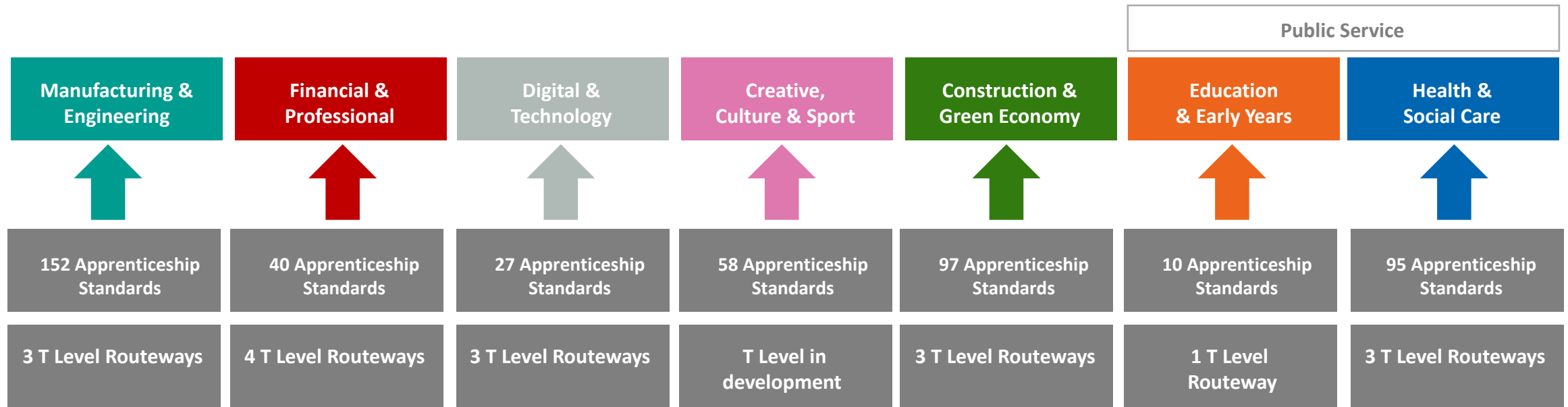


# The workstreams

- MBacc
- Industry Integration Board
- Amplifying technical education
- GMACS as our navigator
- Broad & Exciting Technical Education offer



# Seven Career Gateways



Supported by GMACS

# MBacc

The MBacc is proposed as an ambitious pathway for young people from the age of 14 who want to take high quality technical qualifications and pursue a work-related route that meets their aspirations, feeds their passions, and leads them to the job roles the GM economy needs



## Academic

EBacc (14yrs)

A-levels (16yrs)

Degree (18yrs)

Supported by UCAS



## Technical

MBacc (14yrs)

T-levels/BTEC/Apprenticeship (16yrs)

Apprenticeship Degree/HTQs (18yrs)

Supported by GMACS

# MBacc

Edge Foundation commissioned to develop our “engine room”

National Policy Leaders  
Local Education Leaders

**From now until Christmas the engine room will develop the scope and remit of the Mbacc: national webinar in Jan 24**

#MBacc

## **Options for consideration:**

What is included in the Mbacc  
Priority focus areas

What can be started from Sep 24  
Curriculum planning to deliver

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MANCHESTER**  
DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

# Industry Integration Board

Large business across GM asked to be public “supporters” of our ambition

Supporter breakfast September 23,  
launch of Board application process

Industry Integration Board will form part of  
governance model under a Joint Oversight  
Board

Linked to the seven gateways

CA to co-ordinate, with support from GMCC

## Priorities:

- Advocate across your sector to raise the prestige of technical education
- Help us create more industrial placements to help young people develop the skills you need
- Co-design curriculum with technical education providers to help connect the learning to the workplace

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MANCHESTER**  
DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

# Amplifying technical education

All Age Careers Strategy

Helping IAG professional and parents/carers understand the opportunities

Connecting providers and employers to young people – work place experiences and careers related curriculum





# GMACS as our navigator

Exploring options for common application process for T Levels & placements

Digital maps – line of sight through the pathways to jobs

Improving technical education content on GMACS that reflects the gateways



# Broad & Exciting Technical Education offer

Mapping technical education routes to  
7 x Gateways

Working with providers on the right  
offer for GM

Delivering c5000 industrial placements  
next year



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# Thank you

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