

Greater Manchester Magistrates Association

Annual General Meeting Notes

Held at the Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester. M2 5NS

On Monday 20th October 2025 at 6:30pm – Room F12

AGENDA ITEMS and ASSOCIATED NOTES

1. Welcome – District Judge Paul Carr extended a warm welcome to all present and our guest speakers
2. Apologies for absence totalled twelve, with thirty eight attendees (Appn A)
3. Notes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th October 2024 – these were taken as read. Proposed by Ghulam Shahzad, Seconded by Shazia Book (Appn B)
4. Matters arising – none raised
5. GM MA President HHJ Andrew Berkley – addressed the meeting mentioning that was privileged as a Circuit Judge in Manchester to support the local MA Branch, this being his first year in office as President. It certainly proved to be an interesting experience and acknowledged that all should be proud of the work and contribution made to the Judiciary and the community work of this branch.
6. The GM MA and 'Street Doctors' – Rachel Medcalf gave an overview of the links between ourselves and Street Doctors and explained how we have worked together in recent months, then handed over to our -
7. Guest Speakers – we were delighted to receive Martin Tilbury, CEO at Street Doctors, together with Phoebe McHale, Regional Co-ordinators. To present their current campaign 'The Fatal Question' or 'No Safe Place to Stab' supported by videos and slides, most thought provoking and stimulating with a number of questions answered very positively. (Appn C)

8. Chairman's Report – Previously circulated / made available, but attached as Appn D
9. Treasurers Report - Previously circulated, attached as Appn D. Proposed by Hillary Clayton, seconded by Karl McLaughlin, thanks were expressed for the diligent work of our Treasurer, Gary Palmer coupled with thanks to our Auditor Ian Scott-Dunn JP
10. Special Resolution to Allow Officers to Extend Their Tenure Beyond 6 Years – this was to allow the secretary and treasurer of the Branch to continue in office. Agreed by a show of hands.
11. Election of Officer/s – The necessary forms (Appn F) had been received for the positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Dep. Chair, Training Officer and MiC Liaison Officers who were duly appointed and thanked for supporting the Branch in 2025 / 2026 (Appn G)
12. MIC Report – Previously made available, presented by Rachel Medcalf by PowerPoint. (Appn H)
13. Closing Remarks – DJ Paul Carr (Retired) expressed thanks to all present for the quality and quantity of work carried out by this MA Branch, clearly making a great contribution to the community in Greater Manchester, our guest speakers were interesting and challenging and thanked again for enlightening us all. Particular mention to those retiring Officers who had given exceptional leadership and guidance during their terms in office.

Finally wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Date of Next AGM – Monday 19th October 2026