

## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

December 2021

### Covid-19 vaccinations

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Records continue to be broken as we step up our booster vaccination efforts. As of early January over 1.1 million vaccines have been administered in the Wiltshire area.

The people in our vaccination sites have gone above and beyond to start early, stay open later and work weekends to make sure we have offered everyone we can the chance to get their booster vaccination before the end of the year.

Innovative means to provide the vaccination have been explored across the area. The Winter Solstice saw the Salisbury Plain PCN taking the vaccination to the people with a pop-up clinic at Stonehenge. They vaccinated more than 50 people who had gathered at the ancient site to mark the shortest day of the year.

#### Covid-19 vaccinations for children aged between 12 and 15-years-old

As schools across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire reopen to students after the Christmas break, parents are being urged to make sure children are fully protected against coronavirus.

Two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine are needed to provide children aged between 12 and 15-years-old with full protection against the virus.

Most children are able to receive their second vaccination 12 weeks after having their first, although some who have recently had Covid-19 will need to wait 12 weeks from the date of their positive test.

Although vaccine clinics are still being held in schools, parents can ensure their child is vaccinated without delay by booking an appointment at one of the centres offering vaccinations for children. These sites include Salisbury City Hall.

## **Wiltshire Support at Home (WSAH)**

Wiltshire Council is launching a new in-house service which will provide short to mid-term care to people needing additional support when they leave hospital.

The service called Wiltshire Support at Home (WSAH) will also work with NHS Rapid Response to help prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital. It will assist services already provided by health partners and Wiltshire Council Adult Social Care that ensure people can remain in their own homes rather than be admitted to hospital and also provide support for people on discharge.

WSAH has already been piloted in a number of areas in Wiltshire with good results and the service will be rolled out across the Wiltshire Council area.

## **Integrated Care Partnership**

The BSW Partnership Board will hold its next meeting in public on 28 January 2022. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers to find out more about the BSW Partnership, our progress, and our plans for the future.

The meeting will be from 9am to 12pm and will be held virtually via Zoom.

You can request to attend and observe the meeting in public and submit a question to the BSW Partnership Board by emailing [bswccg.partnership@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.partnership@nhs.net).