

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

December 2022

Health & Care Model

All of the organisations that make up BSW Together (Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire) are working together as a collective to improve the health and wellbeing of local people, tackle inequalities and reach better outcomes and access to services for everyone.

To help us all achieve this, we are collaborating with clinicians, staff, patients and carers from across BSW to develop our Care Model. We've created a short video to explain what our model is about and how it will affect patients and people who live and work in BSW. The video can be found here <https://bswtogether.org.uk/blog/bswtogether/find-out-more-about-bsws-health-and-care-model/>

Our health and care model focuses on five areas – all aiming to make sure our health and care services are fit for the future to meet the needs of local people.

To read more about the health and care model visit the BSW Together website <https://bswtogether.org.uk/about-us/shaping-a-healthier-future/about-our-health-and-care-model/>

Winter Pressures

Members of the public can play their part in easing the pressure on the local NHS over the coming months by choosing the healthcare option most appropriate for their condition.

Many minor illnesses and injuries can be managed safely and effectively at home with rest and over-the-counter medication, while quick help for any person unsure of how to treat a less-urgent condition can also be sought from community pharmacies.

In addition, people can get useful medical information, including symptom details and at-home treatment plans, via their smartphone, tablet or laptop by visiting the NHS website at www.nhs.uk or through NHS 111 online.

Further information on health and care services across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, as well as details of how to access local pharmacies, can be found at www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk.

Covid-19 and flu vaccinations

Any person in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire due a flu or Covid-19 vaccine is being encouraged to come forward before Christmas.

Getting vaccinated now or in the next few days will ensure that people's immune systems have enough time to respond to the vaccine and build up a good level of defence against both flu and Covid-19.

Vaccinations for Covid-19 are still available from a wide range of locations across the region, with many people now able to have the jab closer to home, with more community venues now acting as vaccine centres. People can find their nearest vaccination centre through the NHS website or by calling 119.

Flu vaccines are free for all adults over 50 years of age, as well as for some more vulnerable people, including pregnant women, those with a long-term health condition and frontline health and social care workers.

More information about the flu and Covid-19 vaccines can be found online at www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk.

Devizes Health Centre

The new Devizes Health Centre is one of the region's first integrated care centres, this new state of the art facility will enable the delivery of enhanced services in an improved clinical setting for people in and around Devizes.

Patients of the four local GP practices – Lansdowne Surgery, Market Lavington Surgery, St James Surgery and Southbroom Surgery will be able to be referred for same or next-day medical care at the new health centre, making it easier for patients to access the care they need locally.

The healthcare facility will provide primary care services, such as those traditionally found in GP practices, along with hospital outpatient services, physiotherapy, audiology, blood tests, and mental health support. The new centre brings together providers so that patients can be looked after in the most joined-up way possible.

Devizes Health Centre will also lead the field in sustainable design, as one of a small number of net zero health facilities across England. The site will have an energy EPC rating of A+, and will utilise green technology, such as heat pumps and solar panels to enable the site to be self-sufficient.

For more information on Devizes Health Centre, visit <https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/news-and-events/integrated-care-centres/devizes-health-centre/>