

## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

April 2023

### **Falls Work Programme**

Wiltshire ICA continue to prioritise the Falls work programme. This includes using short-term funding to purchase additional Raizer chairs with training support to ensure that staff are equipped and confident to respond to falls where appropriate.

This is targeted at the Community and Reablement teams, and Care Homes with the highest number of proportionate falls, to ensure support is meaningful and effective.

The programme is in the engagement and mobilisation phase. The short-term objectives are to reduce unnecessary falls resulting in calls to 999 where possible and contribute to a robust community and provider response to falls.

We have established a new strategy working group in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Public Health. The group aims to better understand the Wiltshire population needs and to develop a Wiltshire Falls strategy to enable a prevention and response, long-term approach.

### **Spring boosters**

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, residents in care homes for older adults, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring booster of COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments will be offered between April and June with those at highest risk being called in first.