

Stakeholder briefing: Integrated Community Based Care programme

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This paper provides an overview of the Integrated Community Based Care programme that is being led by Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board in partnership with the three Local Authorities in BSW.

Summary

The Integrated Care System (ICS) has recently published its Integrated Care Strategy which describes the key priorities and ambitions for the ICS. An integral part of this is to increase the focus on prevention and early intervention, delivering this through the BSW Care Model and providing excellent community-based services for people in BSW.

Some of the existing contracts for community health services are expiring soon and this offers a unique opportunity for the ICB to plan and commission services for a future model of care. This future model will enable better integration of local services to meet the health needs of our communities, helping to address the challenges facing health and care services including increasing demand, workforce recruitment and retention, and financial sustainability.

The BSW Integrated Care Board (ICB) has established a programme of work called the Integrated Community Based Care Programme (ICBC) to lead the process of securing specific health community services from 2025 onwards. The ICBC is governed by a programme board made up of representatives from the ICB and each of the Local Authorities.

The ICBC programme will start with ensuring the immediate continuity of service provision for the people of BSW and the workforce for the financial year 2024/25. This allows sufficient time to ensure people and communities, clinicians, professional staff and providers of services are involved as appropriate in the process.

It is expected that the programme will be completed, with new contracts in place by April 2025. Decisions will be made by the BSW ICB and relevant Local Authorities in the coming weeks on their plans for ensuring continuity of service provision for 2024/25. The ICBC programme will work to complement and align with the concurrent programmes of work initiated by Wiltshire Council on commissioning Public Health Nursing Services, and the Bath & North East Somerset Council plans for Adult Social Work and Learning Disability services.

We will continue to keep you informed as the programme progresses. For further information please contact: bswicb.bsw-icbc@nhs.net