

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

May 2022

BSW ICS update

The Health and Care Bill which set out plans for the formation of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) received Royal Assent at the end of April. The Bill will now pass into law as the Health and Care Act 2022 and paves the way for the BSW Integrated Care Board (ICB) to become a statutory body on July 1st and the formation of the BaNES locality Integrated Care Alliance (ICA).

The Health and Care Act introduces measures to tackle the COVID-19 backlogs and rebuild health and social care services following the pandemic. It will also contain measures to address health inequalities and create safer, more joined-up services that will put the health and care system on a more sustainable footing.

As we approach the 1st of July deadline, there has been a renewed focus on recruitment to our ICB Board. Seven executive roles to the BSW ICB have now been confirmed:

- Gill May, currently the BSW CCG Director of Nursing and Quality, has been appointed as **Chief Nurse**.
- Richard Smale, currently the BSW CCG Director of Strategy and Transformation, has been appointed as **Director of Strategy and Transformation**.
- Dr Amanda Webb, currently the Swindon Locality Clinical Chair for BSW, has been appointed as the **Chief Medical Officer**.
- Jasvinder Sohal will join BSW as **Chief People Officer**. Jasvinder currently works at Solent NHS Trust where she has been Chief People Officer.
- Gary Heneage has been appointed as **Chief Finance Officer**. Gary joins us from NHS England and Improvement in the South West Region, where he is currently Interim Director of Operational Finance.
- Rachael Backler has been appointed as **Director of Planning and Performance**. Rachel joins BSW from Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust where she has been Executive Director of Performance.
- Dr Jane Moore has been appointed as **Director of Equalities, Innovation and Digital Enterprise**. Jane is Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance for the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs.
- Offers have been made to successful candidates for the **Directors of Place** roles for BaNES and Wiltshire with a second round of interviews due to take place for the Director of Place role for Swindon.
- Interviews for **Chief of Staff** took place in early May. A Successful candidate will be announced shortly.

NHS England is also supporting a number of development sessions for our BaNES ICA to drive forward the development of a vision for our new organisation and finalise plans for areas such as governance and finance.

The latest version of the BSW Partnership System Development Plan for 2022/2023 has been submitted to NHS England. The plan has been developed by lead and programme support teams from our key workstreams and focuses on the continued development of our BSW Integrated Care System and the transition activities that will be required during 2022/23 to align with the legislative changes planned.

It includes progress updates in relation to activities set out in the previous version of the plan, as well as our BSW response to recently released national guidance on ICS Development.

Update to Healthy Start scheme

Some changes are taking place to the national NHS [Healthy Start Scheme](#) to help women who are pregnant or have young children and are receiving benefits buy foods such as milk or fruit.

The Healthy Start scheme now offers a prepaid card to those applying for Healthy Start to replace the previous Healthy Start paper vouchers. The cards are topped up every 4 weeks with a payment. Those who were in receipt of the paper voucher scheme will need to apply for the digital scheme if they have not already done so.

Healthy Start A5 posters have been sent to GP surgeries and other health settings in BaNES to display along with leaflets for dissemination to eligible parents and carers of children under 4 or to people who are pregnant.

Covid vaccination update

Our covid vaccination programme continues at pace with a focus on booster shots for over 75s, pregnant women and children aged 5-11.

BSW CCG has been calling on people aged 75 and over yet to come forward for their second Covid-19 booster to do so without delay.

Latest figures show that almost half (46 per cent) of all those in the age group have so far had the recommended top-up dose, which is being offered to prolong the immune-boosting effects of previous coronavirus vaccines.

Unlike previous rounds of vaccinations, people no longer need to wait to be contacted to come forward, with those due a booster now encouraged to proactively book their appointment, either online or over the phone.

Latest figures show that in BSW 2,225,000 vaccines have been delivered.

Pressure on health and care services continues in Wiltshire

Pressures related to Covid-19, staff absence and high demand for hospital beds have continued across Wiltshire over the past few weeks. A number of measures remain in place to help address these issues.

Appeals to the public to support services during this difficult time are ongoing. The main messages being for people to use our health services appropriately, support hospitals by collecting loved ones as soon as they are ready to go home, using our pharmacies for help and support wherever possible and using the online 111 service in the first instance.