

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

January 2021

Coronavirus vaccination

December saw the start of the roll out of the coronavirus vaccination in Wiltshire by our Primary Care Networks. Initially, local vaccination centres were set up in Devizes and Chippenham, with sites in Westbury, Ramsbury, and Melksham vaccinating in the following weeks.

Following government guidance on priorities our first focus is on vaccinations for older residents in care homes, all those over 80 years of age and health and social care workers.

Approval to become an Integrated Care System – BSW Partnership

In December health and care organisations in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) were confirmed by NHS England and Improvement as meeting the criteria to become an Integrated Care System.

An Integrated Care System (ICS) is a way of working across health and care organisations that allows them to work closer together to take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering care and improving the health and wellbeing of the population they serve.

The ICSs will integrate:

- primary and specialist care
- physical and mental health services
- health and social care.

Across BSW, hospitals, GP surgeries, community care providers, local authorities, a mental health trust, an ambulance trust and voluntary sector organisations have been working together since 2016 as part of the BSW Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

Working together as the new BSW Partnership, health and care partners will prioritise issues that matter to local communities as well as managing health and care provision during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The BSW Partnership is also responsible for setting the strategy and goals for improving health and care in the area and overseeing the quality and safety, decision making, governance and financial management of health and care services. It will also provide clinical and professional leadership for the whole area.

For more information, visit www.bswstp.nhs.uk.

Devizes Integrated Care Centre -update

The Full Business Case for the Devizes Integrated Care Centre will be discussed at the BSW CCG Governing Body meeting on 21 January 2021.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021 with the new building opening in 2022.

Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre - update

The Full Business Case for the Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre will be discussed at the BSW CCG Governing Body meeting on 21 January 2021.

Construction is expected to start towards the end of 2021 with the new building opening in 2023.

Medequip retained as provider of community equipment and continence services in Wiltshire

Following a tender process, Medequip has been awarded a new five year contract with Wiltshire Council and the CCG to manage Community Equipment and Continence Services for Wiltshire, continuing a 15 year working relationship in the region.

Medequip is planning significant innovations and service enhancements to further improve community equipment services provision for the people of Wiltshire. The operational site will remain at Calne and will be totally redesigned and extended, implementing a new layout to facilitate increased capacity, throughput and efficiency.

Care in the community - Home First and a new rapid response service

We have seen a significant increase in referrals to the Home First programme over 2020. Home First is an established joint health and social care pathway delivered by Wiltshire Health and Care and the Local Authority. The service aims to speed up the discharge process from hospital, increasing the number of people who need no additional ongoing care and supporting them to regain their independence.

We have agreed to fund an expansion in the Wiltshire Home First capacity to support the increase in referrals and to increase the community capacity for winter. Recruitment is now underway to employ more support workers and therapists.

In addition to the Home First expansion, we are also going to fund a rapid response service across Wiltshire. The service will provide short-term, responsive and reactive interventions for people whose health suddenly deteriorates at home, making sure

they are safe and getting the support they need at home or in community settings to prevent further escalation or hospital admission.

In addition it can respond to a patient who has attended A&E or been seen by an ambulance crew to prevent emergency admission to hospital by providing care in the community setting. Patients should receive services within two hours in a crisis and a two-day referral for reablement care.

The service will be implemented in a phased approach initially boosting response capability within existing community services. The impact of Phase 1 will be reviewed by June 2020 in order to inform future phases of development.

New model for mental health services being developed

We are finalising a new model for mental health services to deliver at pace revolutionary change to the community provision of support for people over 18 years of age across emotional wellbeing and mental illness.

The proposed new model has been co-created across the system, involving people with lived experience, third sector providers and the local authority, and will be based on a Primary Care Network geographical footprint. A total of £10.3million is available for BSW across three years to support delivery which will include investment in the third sector, primary care, community and secondary mental health provision.

We are currently awaiting approval of our plans and will update you further in coming months.