

**February 2019**

## The right healthcare, for you, with you, near you

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for commissioning a broad range of healthcare for the population of Wiltshire. We are led by experienced local GPs drawn from across the county, who provide clear clinical leadership to the big decisions affecting the future of healthcare provision in Wiltshire, carefully tailored to meet the differing needs of people locally.

Our vision is to ensure the provision of a health service which is high quality, effective, clinically-led and local. We are committed to delivering healthcare that meets the needs of Wiltshire people, to consult and engage with our population to enable them to be involved in decisions made about health services and to deliver those services to people in their own homes or as close to home as possible.

### News

#### NHS long term plan

The NHS long term plan published on 7 January aims to save almost half a million more lives with practical action on major killer conditions and investment in world class, cutting edge treatments including genomic tests for every child with cancer.

The 10 year plan has three objectives:

- making sure everyone gets the best start in life
- delivering world-class care for major health problems
- supporting people to age well.

To ensure that the NHS can achieve the ambitious improvements for patients over the next 10 years, the NHS Long Term Plan also sets out ways to overcome the challenges that the NHS faces, such as staff shortages and growing demand for services.

The plan brings with it a new guarantee that investment in primary, community and mental health care will grow faster than the growing overall NHS budget. This will fund a £4.5 billion new service model for the 21st century across England, where health bodies come together to provide better, joined up care in partnership with local government.

You can find out more about the NHS Long Term plan at <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/nhs-long-term-plan.pdf>

## Transforming maternity services together – consultation coming to a close

The consultation on a proposal to transform maternity services across Bath and North East Somerset (BANES), Swindon and Wiltshire is coming to an end – the last day to have your say is 24 February 2019.

We've been around the county with public meetings, on the streets for market days and at a number of Area Board and Town Council meetings to publicise the consultation.

Some parts of the county seem to be more aware of the proposed changes to services than others and we have had some robust conversations along the way. Maternity services touch on a very personal experience and we encourage people to share their views through the online survey or by completing the hardcopy form to ensure their voice is heard.

The consultation document, link to the online survey and further information on engagement opportunities is available on the Transforming Maternity Services Together website [www.transformingmaternity.org.uk](http://www.transformingmaternity.org.uk).



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## AWP Chief Executive announces retirement

Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) NHS Trust's Chief Executive, Dr Hayley Richards has announced that she is set to retire from the NHS at the end of May 2019, following a 33-year long and successful career.

Dr Richards said: "It has been an absolute privilege to be part of AWP over the last 13 years and I am extremely proud of the work we have achieved.

"When I started as Chief Executive in 2016 some of my main aims were to help us re-establish the confidence we deserved to have in the services we provide, to increase clinical leaders, to have senior managers and frontline staff work together more closely and to improve quality. There have

been many challenges along the way, of course, mainly around funding and service demand, and these will continue in the coming years.

“I leave the NHS at a time of great challenge and opportunity and I will watch with hope and optimism that true parity of esteem is achieved for mental health service users.”

AWP’s Board will publish their intention regarding recruitment of a new Chief Executive in due course but are keen to initiate recruitment as soon as possible.

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## Governing Body meeting

Our next Governing Body meeting is on 26 March 2019 at 10.00am at Southgate House, Pans Lane, Devizes SN10 5EQ. You can read the papers from previous meetings on our website [www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/governance/governing-body-meetings-in-public](http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/governance/governing-body-meetings-in-public)

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# Campaigns

## Sore throat, cough or cold? See your local pharmacist first

The focus for the Help Us Help You this month is on getting help from your local pharmacist first, before you book in with your GP or visit A&E.

Andrew Hobson, Pharmacy Manager at Cohens Chemist in Royal Wootton Bassett and Vice Chair of Community Pharmacy Swindon and Wiltshire said: “Pharmacists can help recognise and treat many common illnesses. We can give advice and where appropriate, recommend over-the-counter medicines that could help clear up the problem. We can also give advice about how to take medicines and answer questions about common side-effects. If we think you need to see a GP for your illness, we will advise you to do that.”

The campaign follows research which shows that 27 per cent of GP appointments could potentially be treated elsewhere and that 18 per cent of these appointments could be treated through self-care and community pharmacists.



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