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Via email

Dear colleague

**BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to join forces**

I am writing to update you on the most recent developments in joint working for BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs. The Governing Bodies of the three CCGs each met in public recently and approved plans to apply to NHS England to establish one single commissioning organisation for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW).

As a result, the three groups could become a single organisation as soon as April 2020. The move is in line with similar mergers across the NHS and follows national guidance for health and care services to work more closely together to give everyone the best start in life, world-class care for major health problems and help to age well.

Becoming one CCG will result in reduced variation in care and standardised best practice. Working as one organisation will also help the CCG meet financial challenges and free up more money to be invested in frontline services and transformational projects.

Prior to submitting the application to NHS England, the CCGs will engage with the public, staff, providers and other key stakeholders, and the GP membership of each CCG will then vote on a final decision to apply for a merger. The three CCGs will then submit an application to NHS England and if approved the three groups will become a single CCG on 1 April 2020.

You can read more about our plans in the attached stakeholder briefing and on our website [www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk).

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a face-to-face briefing about the plans, do get in touch.

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**Working together:**

NHS Bath and North East Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group  
NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group  
NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group