

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

January 2022

Covid-19 vaccinations

As at 19th January 2022, more than two million Covid-19 vaccinations have been given out at sites across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire. The milestone was reached shortly after the region welcomed in the new year, with the current number of total vaccinations now standing at around 2,109,000.

In terms of booster uptake, BSW is currently at around 85 per cent, meeting the government's target. In Wiltshire, the figure exceeds this at 88 per cent.

Figures for the region show that while around 85 per cent of all eligible adults have now had a first, second and booster vaccination, tens of thousands of people are still yet to receive a single vaccine.

Walk-in vaccination appointments are now available at a number of sites. Pre-booking at many venues is no longer a requirement. It is hoped that by removing the booking process, people who may have been putting off getting vaccinated, perhaps due to work, home or other commitments, will find it easier to get protected.

People aged 16 and 17-years-old are now eligible for a Covid-19 booster vaccine. Previously, boosters had only been available for adults over the age of 18. Salisbury City Hall is among the local vaccination sites currently offering the top-up dose to older teens who had their second jab more than 12 weeks ago.

All vaccination centres, including those that offering walk-ins, are listed on NHS England's national Find My Nearest Walk-in Vaccination service.

Those using the online tool will be able to see a list of the vaccination centres closest to them by entering their postcode in the search box.

Current pressures on local health and care system

The health and care system in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire has been under enormous pressure over the last few months due to the impact of omicron case numbers and staff at our acute hospitals, community

services and in primary care staying off work either because of Covid or the need to isolate.

A number of initiatives are underway to alleviate pressure and help with flow through Salisbury hospital by discharging patients who are well enough to go home.

We have also issued numerous appeals to the public to support services during this difficult time, and will continue to do so, 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.

Our Shaping a Healthier Future – Health and Care Model Consultation

Our Shaping a Healthier Future public engagement programme to seek local people's views on our developing health and care model concluded in mid-December. The model includes plans for improving personalised care, supporting healthier communities, establishing more integrated local teams, prioritising local specialist services and introducing new specialist centres.

The model's production, as well as its corresponding engagement activity, is being carried out by the BSW Partnership, which is an integrated care system made up of NHS providers, local authorities and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector working together.

People across BSW have shared their thoughts and opinions by taking part in a short survey online and by attending in-person engagement events. Around 750 people completed our survey and almost than 1,200 people attended workshops and interviews. The results from these surveys and events will be fed into the health and care model development process. Further feedback will be provided in the next report.

Integrated Care Partnership

On Friday 24 December 2021 it was confirmed that the target date for the establishment of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) on a statutory footing would be moved from 1 April to 1 July 2022. Further guidance on the implications of this postponement will be released week commencing 17 January 2022.

This delay will allow sufficient time for the remaining parliamentary stages of the Health and Care Bill, with the final transition date remaining subject to legislative approval. As a result, BSW CCG will continue as a statutory body until 30 June 2022.

This delay will not impact the CCG's plans to work closely with partners to deliver improved health and care outcomes for residents, building on the momentum of

system and borough partnership development over the past few months. The Integrated Care Alliance in Wiltshire continues to develop in preparation for July 2022 and further updates will be provided in due course.

BSW Partnership Board

The BSW Partnership Board will hold its next meeting in public on 25th February 2022. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers to find out more about the BSW Partnership, our progress, and our plans for the future.

The meeting will be from 9am to 12pm and will be held virtually via Zoom.

You can request to attend and observe the meeting in public and submit a question to the BSW Partnership Board by emailing bswccg.partnership@nhs.net.