

## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

June 2022

### **BSW ICS update**

The Health and Care Act received Royal Assent in April 2022 with changes coming into force from 1 July 2022.

At the heart of the changes brought about by the Act is the formalisation of integrated care systems (ICSs) and the dissolution of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). Bath and North East Somerset will be part of the Banes, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) ICS. ICSs are partnerships that bring providers and commissioners of NHS services together with local authorities and other local partners to collectively plan health and care services to meet the needs of their local population. There is a strong emphasis on working collaboratively together, instead of competition.

BSW ICS will be made up of two parts: an integrated care board (ICB) and an integrated care partnership (ICP). ICBs will be tasked with the commissioning and oversight of most NHS services and will be accountable to NHS England for NHS spending and performance. ICPs will bring together a wider range of partners, not just the NHS, to develop a plan to address the broader health, public health, and social care needs of the population. ICSs have the potential to reach beyond the NHS to work alongside local authorities and other partners to address the wider determinants of health. As part of the establishment of the new Integrated Care System at BSW, the Bath and North East Somerset Integrated Care Alliance (ICA) also goes live on 1 July 2022.

### **Wiltshire Place Director**

Fiona Slevin-Brown has been confirmed as the new Director of Place for Wiltshire and will join the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB).

Fiona is currently Managing Director and Integrated Care System Lead for Urgent and Emergency Care in the Frimley Health and Care ICS, she is a registered clinician, who joined the NHS in 1992. She served as Deputy Director of Clinical Services and Head of Business Development at NHS Berkshire West before taking the role of Deputy Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer for Community Health Services. This was followed by an Interim Managing Director position with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, who then appointed her as the

Regional Director for Berkshire West, leading on the delivery of community, mental health and learning disability services for a population of more than 500,000 people. She has extensive Board level experience and has held senior roles in both provider and commissioning organisations.

## **Covid-19 Summer Boosters**

People in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire who are eligible for the Covid-19 spring booster vaccine, but have yet to come forward, are being encouraged to go and get their boosters. Having the top-up dose before the end of June will not only provide protection during the summer months, but will also ensure people will be able to receive the autumn booster jab as soon as the vaccines become available.

Currently, people aged 75 and over, as well as care home residents and those aged 12 and above with a weakened immune system, are eligible for the spring booster vaccine. Getting the top-up dose, which for most people will be their fourth Covid-19 vaccine, is the best way to prolong the immune-boosting effects of previous vaccinations, which should keep serious cases of coronavirus at bay.

Spring booster jabs can be booked online at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk). The site also contains up-to-date information on the local venues that are providing the vaccine but do not require patients to have a pre-booked appointment.

## **Devizes Health Centre**

Progress is continuing with the build of the new health centre located in Marshall Road, Devizes. The new flagship centre is due to open in Autumn 2022 and will bring an extensive range of services from several different health and care providers together under one roof.

Devizes Health Centre will be leading the field in sustainable design, as one of a small number of 'Net Zero' health facilities across England. The site will have an energy EPC rating of A+, and will utilise green technology, such as heat pumps and solar panels to generate electricity and heat to serve the building.

As well as replacing the services at the existing Devizes Community Hospital, the centre will house a new on-the-day primary care team and become the home for a range of community-based services, such as blood testing, physiotherapy, audiology, podiatry, diabetes, and mental health.

## **Redevelopment of the former Devizes Community Hospital**

The old Devizes Community Hospital on New Park Road is no longer fit for purpose and healthcare services will relocate to the new £10.9m Health Centre (as detailed above). NHS Property Services is the freehold owner of the old Community Hospital site and is preparing to submit an outline planning application for the redevelopment of the site once all services have relocated to the new facility.

The redevelopment proposals will deliver up to 59 new homes as well as commercial space at a sustainable location close to Devizes Town Centre. The historic hospital buildings on the eastern side of the site, which form part of the town's Conservation Area, will be retained and refurbished as part of the redevelopment proposals.

Before submitting an outline planning application for the redevelopment, NHS Property Services has created a consultation website to provide the community with information about the plans, and to provide an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals and how it can align with their aspirations for local housing and the redevelopment of this important part of Devizes' Wharf Area on the southern banks of the Kennet & Avon Canal.

More information about the emerging proposals can be found on this link: <https://devizeshospitalredevelopment.com/staging/index.php?contentid=35> and feedback can be submitted by completing a questionnaire here: <https://devizeshospitalredevelopment.com/staging/index.php?contentid=57>

Please ensure all feedback and comments are submitted by 12 noon on Friday 22 July 2022. There will also be a drop-in exhibition to ensure those who are unable to get online have an opportunity to view the plans and have their say. This will take place on 12 July between 2pm and 7:30pm at The Cheese Hall, Devizes Town Hall, St. John's Street, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1BN.