

## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

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### **New health and care Integrated Care Partnership appoints Wiltshire Council Leader as Chair**

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Partnership (BSW ICP) has appointed Richard Clewer, the leader of Wiltshire Council, as its Chair.

The BSW ICP is a statutory committee formed by the Bath and North East Somerset Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB), which became a legal entity on 1 July, and local authorities in the BSW area.

The BSW ICP brings together the NHS, local government, the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector and other partners to focus on prevention, wider social and economic factors affecting people's health and reducing health inequalities.

It will develop an Integrated Care Strategy for local health and care services and advocate for innovation, new approaches and improvement to the way services are provided and run.

It will also make sure that local people have a key role in the design of the services they need now and in the future.

The appointment marks a significant step forwards for the development of the ICP as a forum to bring together a wide range of partners and organisations who each contribute their respective expertise and use their influence to develop a vision and strategy for health, care and wellbeing in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Richard Clewer has been leader of Wiltshire Council since 2021. He is also Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Military Civilian Integration, Economic Development, Heritage, Arts, Tourism and Health and Wellbeing.

### **Neighbourhood Collaboratives Programme**

Co-developed by Wiltshire Alliance Partners, the Neighbourhood Collaboratives Programme aims to support neighbourhoods (based around Primary Care Network footprints) to establish collaborative groups who will work to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

The Alliance will offer support to develop connections between organisations, community groups and services, with the aim of building stronger relationships with

communities. We will offer advice and tools to be able to develop solutions and improvements for concerns that matter to the people living locally.

Collaboratives will connect with each other to learn, develop, and succeed through the Wiltshire Collaborative, which will bring neighbourhood groups together. Collaboratives will not replace or duplicate any of the outstanding work happening in our communities but will seek to build on what is already happening, celebrating success, and helping to further improve the impact by working in broader partnership. This programme will work closely with other work streams and forums such as Community Conversations and Area Boards.

### **Winter planning and virtual wards**

As our System continues to experience unrelenting demand challenges and operational pressures, we are continuing to work with our partners to deliver existing demand management and capacity improvement plans.

One important aspect of our future plans is the delivery of a Virtual Ward model.

A virtual ward is a safe and efficient alternative to going into hospital for people who are acutely unwell. By being in their own home, people are enabled to recover and rehabilitate in familiar surroundings, which can be a benefit to people who become less orientated or less mobile in a hospital environment.

People are regularly reviewed by a multi-disciplinary team to ensure they receive the highest levels of care. Where appropriate, personalised digital technology such as healthcare apps, wearable symptom tracking devices and telephone, or video consultations may also be used by the team to remotely monitor the person's condition until they are well.

The virtual ward service in BSW will deliver a range of interventions, tailored to meet the needs of the individual, to help prevent hospital admissions and to accelerate discharge from hospital.

This is a developing model with pilot programmes currently underway across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire.

### **Covid-19 and flu vaccinations**

Adults over the age of 50 are being advised to have both the Covid-19 autumn booster jab and the seasonal flu vaccine to help stay protected throughout the cold winter months.

Both vaccines are free for people over the age of 50, Covid-19 vaccines continue to be available from the many well-established sites that have been involved in the

vaccination programme since its inception almost two years ago. These include Bath Racecourse, the Steam Museum in Swindon and Salisbury City Hall and can be booked via the National Booking System.

As of Wednesday 19 October, a total of 2,479,719 Covid-19 vaccines have been given out across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

This means that more than 80 per cent of all eligible people in the region have had at least one vaccine, and a further 77 per cent have received two.

People over the age of 50 can secure a flu vaccination through their GP practice or by visiting a participating community pharmacy. Some larger supermarkets and private high street chemists also offer a flu vaccination service, those not eligible for a free vaccine also have the option of paying for one.

### **Keep up to date**

Those wanting to keep up to date with developments with the BSW Integrated Care System can sign up to receive The Triangle - a monthly newsletter about the work of BSW Together. The public facing publication contains a mix of news and updates showing how the BSW ICS is working to improve the health and wellbeing of local people, tackle health and care inequalities and improve services for everyone. A sign-up form is available here <https://bswtogether.org.uk/news-events/the-triangle/>