

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

February 2023

Neighbourhood Collaboratives

Work continues with the Neighbourhood Collaboratives programme, the Steering Group is now established, and our second Steering Group workshop was held on the 1st of Feb 2023. Partners with a broad scope of expertise from organisations within our locality, including representatives from the Area Boards, met to discuss some of the key issues required to roll out the model across the Neighbourhoods. This included reaching an agreement on the Readiness Review, a baseline assessment that will support Neighbourhoods to determine their readiness to create this new approach to working. The programme's launch events will be reviewed and agreed by the Steering Group at our next meeting on 8th March 2023.

The workshop on the 1st of February offered an opportunity to respond to some of the points raised in our initial meeting in December 2022. The Steering Group was provided with examples of successful projects within Wiltshire that helped inform the Neighbourhood Collaborative model. The event was also used to share the work starting at our pathfinder site in Bradford on Avon & Melksham. The pathfinder will be the pilot from which to learn and share how a Neighbourhood Collaborative will function. Partners were asked to review a version of the Readiness Review, completed by the site, and discuss how their organisations could contribute ideas and expertise to this collaborative approach. Early interrogation of the data by the pathfinder suggests that falls and falls risk factors will be central to the plan that develops from this partnership.

Feedback following the workshop was very positive and the information provided on the day is currently being shared with Bradford on Avon & Melksham. We intend to bring all those offering support to the pathfinder together at the beginning of March 2023 to review the data and define the cohort within the community that will benefit the most from this Neighbourhood Collaborative project.

Covid-19

After Sunday 12 February, any person aged between 16 and 49-years-old and not in a clinical risk group will be unable to get the initial Covid-19 booster, which for most people would have been their third vaccination for coronavirus.

This date is also the last opportunity for people over the age of 50 to come forward for the autumn booster vaccine, which was rolled out to older people, as well as those who are considered vulnerable, at the end of 2022.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which acts as an independent adviser to the Department of Health and Social, has indicated that the

offer of having the two primary Covid-19 vaccines at any time will also change during 2023, with the overall vaccination campaign being refocused to target those most vulnerable.

A number of Covid-19 vaccination centres across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have closed in recent weeks. The vaccination centre at Bath Racecourse closed in December 2022, and was followed in January by Salisbury City Hall and the Steam Museum in Swindon.