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Your essential guide to what's going on in health and care across B&NES,
Swindon and Wiltshire

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Planning for the future in BSW

BSW's plan for the future of health and care services over the next five years is set to be published in March and looks to prioritise the problems posed by an increasingly elderly population, how to offer more help for people with learning disabilities and how to improve access to mental health services.

The document also sets out plans for helping people to improve their own health, helping surgeries to work more closely together and reducing variation in services provided and delivered by the area's three hospitals.

The plan has been drawn up by the BSW Partnership and includes feedback collected from an extensive public engagement exercise carried out last summer. The priorities set out to:

- Help people in BSW to age well, stay well at home and improve how community services can help them
- Help to improve the quality of life for people with learning disabilities and autism and their families by improving access to services
- Help to deliver the best mental health support for local people, regardless of personal circumstances, age or individual need

Tracey Cox, Chief Executive of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG who has led on development of the plan, said:

"As demand for services across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire has grown, particularly from older people, we need to find new ways of working so we can continue to deliver the highest standards of health and care to everyone who needs it and still balance our budget.

"Our plan for the next five years sets out how we are going to do this and how we are going to help people who are getting older to age well, help people with learning disabilities and autism and improve access to mental health services.

"The plan has drawn on a great deal of input from local people and I'd like to thank them for taking the time to feed in their own priorities for health and care."

You will be able to download a summary version of the BSW Five Year Plan soon at www.bswstp.nhs.uk

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Proposal to transform local maternity services approved



Maternity services across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire are set to undergo a transformation after plans were given the go ahead by the joint Governing Bodies of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups this month.

The changes will mean more equal access to choice for women about where to have their babies, a more effective use of resources, a better supported homebirth service and enhanced antenatal and postnatal care.

The decision to go ahead follows a three-year period of engagement and consultation with

more than 4,000 mums, families, staff and partners in the community to develop a new vision for maternity services, proposals for change and final recommendations.

Sarah Merritt, Acting Deputy Director of Nursing and Midwifery at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust said:

“These proposals will help us provide more choices for birth to more women and will build a strong foundation on which to enhance continuity of care so that more women can see the same midwife or small team of midwives before, during and after labour.

“The addition of Alongside Midwifery Units at the Royal United Hospital in Bath and at Salisbury Hospital will give our birthing mums a new option for labour and delivery, significantly enhancing choices in Salisbury in particular. Our midwives and staff are excited to embrace this new way of working in purpose built facilities.”

Find out more at
www.transformingmaternity.org.uk

Citizens panel to capture public views

As part of its ongoing work to gather public views on how health and care services are organised, the BSW Partnership is looking to recruit local people to join its new citizens panel.

The Our Health Our Future Panel is an online panel which will be made up of a representative sample of the population from across the BSW area, including those who work for BSW and partner organisations.

Panel members will take part in regular surveys throughout the year as well as form focus groups from time to time. Full reports

of every survey will be publicly available and insights gained from the panel will be used to inform strategy, service design and service change.

Recruitment for panel members is now underway and will continue over the next few months with a target of signing up around 1000 people to join the panel.

If you would like to know more about the Our Health Our Future Panel, please get in touch with the comms team communications. wiltshireccg@nhs.net

BSW Partnership set for future with new appointments

BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Partnership is looking to the future following a number of new appointments designed to strengthen the organisation's management team as it works to progress to an Integrated Care System by April 2021.

Integrated Care Systems are NHS organisations working in partnership with local councils and others to take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering NHS standards and improving the health of the population they serve.

Stephanie Elsy has joined BSW Partnership as Independent Chair. She will provide independent leadership and work to oversee the ongoing improvement and integration of health and care services across the region.

Stephanie is a Non-Executive Director at Solent Community and Mental Health Trust and former Leader of Southwark Council in London.

"I am delighted to be given the opportunity to work with health and care leaders across BSW during such an exciting time.

"Our local health and care system is under considerable pressure and it is now more important than ever before that we work in a seamlessly integrated manner to improve service quality, improve the health and wellbeing of our local population and deliver financial stability," she said.

Richard Smale will also join BSW CCGs as Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation in April. Richard joins from the South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit where he was Associate Director of Transformation with a responsibility for the strategic direction of the organisation.

Dr Andrew Girdher has been appointed as



Stephanie Elsy joins BSW as Independent Chair

Clinical Chair for BSW following a vote by GPs. Andrew starts in April and will ensure there is a strong clinical voice on the BSW board.

Other recent appointments include David Freeman, previously Chief Operating Officer for Somerset CCG who joins BSW as Chief Operating Officer for Swindon and Elizabeth Disney who joins as Chief Operating Officer for Wiltshire in March.

Elizabeth previously worked with BaNES CCG and Council on supporting integrating commissioning and has also worked as an Executive Director for Planning and Funding for the Southern District Health Board in New Zealand.

Ageing well in BSW

The challenges posed to the health and care system in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire by an increasingly elderly population are clear: By 2025 there will be more than 120,000 adults over the age of 75 in the area, many of them with complex health and care needs.

This is a challenge which has been recognised as a priority in BSW's forthcoming Five Year Plan and one which is being met through the BSW Ageing Well workstream being led Dr Robin Fackrell, newly appointed Associate Medical Director for Ageing Well & Frailty for the BSW Partnership.

The ongoing programme focuses on four ways to address the problems of an elderly population, looking at prevention and early intervention, rapid assessment, prompt discharge home and the best ways of maintaining optimum wellbeing.

It looks to initiatives such as promoting a healthy lifestyle, encouraging people to stop smoking, reducing isolation and increasing opportunities for active lifestyle by promoting and supporting community and charity initiatives such as volunteering and dementia cafes.

It also looks to promote and strengthen the successful Home First initiative to support older people to leave hospital and receive support in their own homes.

Robin Fackrell, BSW Associate Medical Director for Ageing Well & Frailty said the workstream would focus on helping older people to remain independent, take more control of their own health and stay well.

"By 2025 our population aged over 75 will grow by 40 per cent. Given that older people are more likely to experience a range of complex conditions affecting their health and wellbeing, this will put a lot of pressure on our hospitals unless we do more to help people live well into old age.

Our focus will be on helping individuals to stay well at home, improving the responsiveness of community services and encouraging the community to draw on its strengths and resources to help older frail people to keep well, stay out of hospital and socialise with others."



Tell us what you think!

We always value feedback from the people who matter: you! Get in touch with us today and let us know how you feel about health and care across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire

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