



Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire Partnership
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Health and care organisations call on local people to help shape a healthier future

Health and care organisations from across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire are working together to shape a healthier future for the region, and local people have been asked to get involved.

For some time, health and care leaders have been working collaboratively on plans for how local services, such as hospitals, care homes and GP practices, can work better together and meet the needs of the population.

These plans form the basis of a new health and care model, which illustrates how care will be provided in the region over the next ten years, and people are being encouraged to share their feedback on the proposals.

From today, Tuesday 2 November, people can share their thoughts and opinions by taking part in a short online survey or by registering to attend one of a number of in-person engagement events happening across the region between now and the closing date of Tuesday 14 December.

Dr Ruth Grabham, Medical Director, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: “These plans for how our health and care services will work better together going forward have been in the pipeline since long before the pandemic.

“However, so much has happened over the last two years, with all organisations having to adopt new ways of working, that our plans needed to evolve to reflect everything that was learned during our response to Covid-19.

“The good news is that we are now in a position to not only share our new model of health and care, but to also strike up a conversation with the very people who use our services about their views on these plans for the future.

“This is an exciting time for health and care, especially as we move from a system that helps individuals when they are unwell to one that supports our entire population to stay well at every stage of their life, and it’s a journey we want local people to join us on.”

The feedback gathered from the online survey, as well as from the in-person events, will support health and care leaders in reviewing and refreshing the guiding principles that make up the new health and care model.

Detailed within the model are plans for improving personalised care, supporting healthier communities, establishing more integrated local teams, prioritising local specialist services and introducing new specialist centres.

The production of the new health and care model, 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.

More information on the BSW Partnership, as well as details of how people can leave feedback on the new health and care model, can be found online at www.bswpartnership.nhs.uk/about-us/shaping-a-healthier-future.

Notes for editors:

- BSW Partnership Integrated Care System serves a combined population of around 940,000 people living across the regions of B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire.
- Partnership organisations employ 37,600 colleagues and benefit from the contribution of many more carers and volunteers.
- Our population is served by hundreds of third sector organisations, over 90 GP practices, two community providers, three acute hospital trusts, a mental health trust, an ambulance trust, a clinical commissioning group (CCG) and three Local Authorities.
- Our partner organisations are:
 - Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
 - Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Bath & North East Somerset Council
 - Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Healthwatch Wiltshire
 - Healthwatch Swindon
 - Healthwatch Bath and North East Somerset
 - Medvivo
 - Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust
 - Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
 - South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
 - Swindon Borough Council
 - Virgin Care
 - Wessex Local Medical Committees
 - West of England Academic Health Science Network
 - Wiltshire Council
 - Wiltshire Health and Care
- The BSW Partnership also works with a wide range of voluntary and community sector organisations, which help provide invaluable support to our populations, as well as our health and care services.