

Report for the Children, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 23 July 2019

2. Public engagement on future of health and care

Local people are being given the opportunity to help shape how health and care services will be provided. Until the end of July, health and care leaders are inviting local residents to say what they need to live healthier and happier lives as part of a new campaign called Our Health Our Future. Everyone's feedback will be used to develop the five year plan for B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire which is due to be published by December. The new plan will ensure that everyone gets the health and care support they need in line with priorities set out by the NHS in its Long Term Plan. Our Health Our Future survey is open until the end of July: www.ourhealthourfuture.org

3. NHS Patient Safety Strategy

The first national NHS Patient Safety Strategy has been launched setting a vision of continuous safety improvement, underpinned by a safety culture and effective safety systems. Its strategic aims commit to a series of actions to support the NHS to save more lives and the costs associated with patient safety incidents. The strategy emphasises the need to support staff and look at systems rather than blaming individuals when incidents occur, <https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-safety-strategy/> .

4. Medicines and medical products supply: government updates no-deal EU Exit plans

The government has confirmed further details of its plans to maintain the supply of medicines and medical products in the event of a no-deal EU Exit. These include procurement exercises to secure extra freight capacity, continuing the build-up of buffer stocks, securing extra warehouse space and a range of additional measures: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/medicines-and-medical-products-supply-government-updates-no-deal-brexit-plans>

5. Five Primary Care Networks established in B&NES

NHS England and NHS Improvement announced on 1 July 2019 that five Primary Care Networks will start working across Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES). The 24 GP practices in B&NES will work together in these five groups to ensure more proactive, personalised and coordinated care for the local communities they serve and address the challenges faced by general practice.

Primary Care Networks, which have been established across England, will help to make sure that patients are supported and signposted to the health and care professional who is best placed to help – this could be a GP, pharmacist, district nurse, physiotherapist, paramedic, physician associate, as well as staff working in social care or the voluntary

sector. B&NES GP practices have already started to use this model and work together collaboratively to share clinical expertise and look at opportunities to share staff to ensure they stay sustainable in the face of increasing demand, and increase the quality of care for their patients. For more information, visit www.banescCG.nhs.uk