

## Report for the Children, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on Tuesday 1 October 2019

### 1. Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) CCGs Merger Consultation

During June and July 2019, the Governing Bodies of the three CCGs each met in public and approved plans to apply to NHS England and NHS Improvement to establish one single commissioning organisation for BSW.

GPs across BSW were consulted with to seek their feedback and to consider and respond to points raised. The LMC ran a formal vote on our behalf, which closed on 17 September 2019, to ensure that member practice support is demonstrated in line with each CCG's Constitution.

	Turnout	Yes (to merge)	No (not to merge)
B&NES	18/24 (75%)	16 (89%)	2 (11%)
Swindon	16/23 (70%)	14 (88%)	2 (12%)
Wiltshire	39/47 (83%)	26 (67%)	13 (33%)

Following the GP vote, on 25 September 2019, the Governing Bodies of the three CCGs met in common to sign off our application submission. We will now submit a formal application to merge our CCGs to NHS England and NHS Improvement and we anticipate confirmation of their decision in October.

Following approval of our application, we will follow a mobilisation programme to formally become NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group on 1 April 2020. The move is in line with similar mergers across the NHS and follows national guidance for health and care services to work more closely together to give everyone the best start in life, world-class care for major health problems and help to age well.

### 2. BSW CCG Executive Team Appointments

Tracey Cox has been making further appointments to the BSW executive team. Sheridan Flavin and Alison Kingscott have taken up the role of Interim OD and Workforce Director on a job share basis. In addition, Ted Wilson will be taking up the role of Interim Locality Director for Wiltshire CCG from 1st October. Appointment to the locality director roles for Wiltshire and Swindon are a priority for the CCGs.

The consultation for the joint structure below the executive team has been concluded and staff are moving into new roles from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### 3. Sustainability Transformation Partnership

Recent priorities for the STP have included the development of the BSW Health and Care strategy and the preparation of the STP's five year plan in response to the NHS Long Term Plan published earlier this year. A draft version of the BSW LTP will be submitted on the 27th September and a final version of the plan is required by the 15 November 2019.

### 4. Public engagement on the future of health and care

Between 13 June and 31 July 2019, health and care leaders across BSW invited local residents to share what they need to live healthier and happier lives.

We received 1,462 survey responses and engaged with 1,062 people face-to-face. The top three issues that people raised in their survey responses relate to:

1. Improving access to, and continuity of, primary care services;
2. The role of digital technology/e-health to improve health and care information and services; and
3. Perceived impact of lifestyle choices, behaviours and family history on physical and mental health.

In addition to being used to develop the five year plan for BSW, which is due to be published by December and will ensure that everyone gets the health and care support they need in line with the priorities set out in the NHS in its Long Term Plan, the findings will be shared widely with colleagues in health and care organisations across BSW in October 2019.

### 5. Six Primary Care Networks established in Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES)

There are now six Primary Care Networks working across B&NES. The 24 GP practices in B&NES will work together in these 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 Network	Population size	GP Practices	Geographical area
Bath Independents	26,000	Batheaston, Fairfield Park, Widcombe,	Bath City
Minerva	35,000	Combe Down, Grosvenor, Newbridge, Rush Hill and Weston, St Michael's Partnership	Bath City
Heart of Bath	27,000	Merged practices of: St James', Oldfield, Number 18, Catherine Cottage	Bath City
Three Valleys	67,000	Hope House, Westfield, St Chad's and Chilcompton, Somerton, St	Somer Valley & Chew

		Mary's, Hillcrest, Elm Hayes, Harptree, Chew Medical	
Unity Medical Group	30,000	University Medical Centre, Pulteney, Monmouth	Bath City
Keynsham	25,000	St Augustine's, Temple House, Westview	Keynsham

For more information, visit [www.banescCG.nhs.uk](http://www.banescCG.nhs.uk)

## 6. Relocation of services to the Royal United Hospital (RUH), Bath

The RUH acquired the RNHRD back in 2015. As part of the acquisition process, it was proposed that services would eventually relocate onto the RUH site. A phased programme of relocation began on 31 August 2019 and will continue until mid-November. Further information can be found [here](#).

## 7. Winter Planning Update

Building on our cross system approach last year, this winter we will be working closely with BSW STP to bring together and coordinate an approach with our partners. This plan also draws on and includes feedback from winter plans from local councils and other providers. A joint approach will ensure we are communicating consistently with a strong and unified voice while meeting the needs of our diverse populations on a local level.

BaNES CCG is part of the *BSW Seasonal Influenza Task and Finish Group*, who are coordinating the flu campaign across BSW. The BSW flu vaccination campaign 2019/20 aims to promote flu vaccination uptake amongst the following three groups:

1. Under 65s at risk (those with long term health conditions, those who are pregnant etc.)
2. Carers
3. Social care providers.

CCG and B&NES council staff based at St Martin's hospital have again been offered their free flu jab, in line with our objective to ensure as many staff as possible are vaccinated.

## 8. EU Exit Update

The effect of a no-deal EU exit has been spelt out in an open letter to MPs by The King's Fund, The Health Foundation and Nuffield Trust. The letter summarises the four major areas where the impact of a no deal EU exit could be felt most sharply in health and care: a risk of intensifying the staffing crisis, shortages and price rises for vital supplies, the need to care for returning emigrants, and funding shortfalls at a time when health and care need it most.

The information for patients on nhs.uk around continuity of medicines supply if there is a no-deal EU exit has been updated: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/medicines-information/getting-your-medicines-if-theres-no-deal-eu-exit/>

In addition, the FAQs for clinicians on the NHS England website have also been updated: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/eu-exit/medicines/medicines-faq/>

These updates explain the government's multi-layered approach to ensure that medicines continue to be available if there is a no-deal EU exit.

## **9. Innovation Greenhouse for Integrated Care Systems**

Integrated care systems are to have easier access to the latest technology under NHS England's plans to refresh its flagship purchasing vehicle, which is used by trusts to buy technology services. The ambition is to create an "innovation greenhouse" which will provide faster routes for ICSs to "tried and tested innovations for patients, populations and NHS staff", and NHSE hopes to achieve this by adding a new lot to its Health Systems Support Framework, which was set up last year as a "one stop shop" for sustainability and transformation partnerships and ICSs looking to buy consultancy and technology services.

The framework's scope includes population health management, electronic patient records, local health and care records, analytics, and a range of support services for demand management, capacity planning and medicines optimisation.