

Report for the Children, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on Tuesday 10 March 2020

1. Working together in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) – CCG Merger Update

As previously reported, NHS England and Improvement approved in principle our application to merge with Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs on 14 October 2019. This was following support from each CCG Board to merge, stakeholder engagement and communication, and a member practice vote.

The three CCG's Governing Bodies are currently meeting in common, but from 1 April 2020 there will be single a Governing Body for BSW CCG.

Dr Ruth Grabham took up the position of Medical Director for BSW CCG on 1 March 2020. Locality Clinical Chairs for B&NES (Dr Bryn Bird) and Swindon (Dr Amanda Webb) will join Dr Grabham on the Governing Body from 1 April, and voting is currently underway for the Wiltshire role. Five Locality GPs have also been appointed to the Governing Body, with Dr Tim Sephton representing B&NES.

In addition, the following Governing Body members have been recruited:

- Secondary Care Doctor - Dr Paul Kennedy
- Deputy Chair and Lay Member for PCC – Suzannah Power
- Lay Member for Audit and Governance – Peter Lucas
- Lay Member for PPE – Julian Kirby
- Lay Member for Finance – Ian James (until Dec 2020)

We are still in the process of recruiting for the registered nurse role. A fully constituted Board is a condition of merger. We anticipate all posts will be filled by the end of March.

2. Release of the Five Year Plan for BSW

The BSW Partnership will be publishing a draft public-facing version of its Five Year Plan for BSW this week, which sets out how health and care services across the region will be organised between now and 2024.

The priorities have been drawn up by health and care organisations from across BSW and include feedback gained from an extensive public engagement campaign carried out last summer.

The priorities set out to:

- Address the problems posed by an increasingly elderly population by **helping people 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

The full version of the plan will be available later in the Spring.

3. BSW CCG Operating Plan

This year we are required to develop an operational plan on behalf of the wider system, which provides further detail of Year 1 of our BSW 5-Year Plan. The Plan must demonstrate how, as a system, we will deliver improved outcomes and experience for people and work towards financial balance.

Next year looks very challenging from a system financial perspective and we are aiming to work together to transform services in the following agreed priority areas:

1. Ageing well
2. Mental health
3. Learning Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder
4. Outpatient transformation
5. Primary care transformation (PCNs)

We are also intending to develop different ways of contracting with our providers to support us working closer together to deliver the required change within the money we have available.

We have now submitted our first draft of the Operating Plan to NHSEI for approval.

4. Coronavirus planning across B&NES

Nationally, the NHS and Public Health England (PHE) are well prepared for outbreaks of new infectious diseases.

Locally, we are working extensively with our partners and providers in B&NES and across Swindon and Wiltshire to ensure the safety of our patients and colleagues while also ensuring services are available to the public as normal.

Testing of suspected coronavirus cases is carried out in line with strict regulations. This means that suspected cases are kept in isolation, away from public areas. Any equipment that comes into contact with suspected cases is thoroughly cleaned as appropriate.

Specific guidance has also been shared with NHS staff to help safeguard them and others. Members of the public can be reassured that their safety is a top priority, and we encourage them to attend all appointments as usual.

More information can be found here: gov.uk/coronavirus

5. Our Health, Our Future Panel

Recruitment continues for people to join the Our Health Our Future panel – a new way of engaging with the public in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire to get their views on health and care issues.

After four weeks of recruitment activity, we have signed up around 400 panel members, well on the way to our target of 1000 members.

The recruitment team have been in some of the larger population areas of B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire including Salisbury, Trowbridge, Chippenham, Warminster, Devizes, and various locations in Bath and Swindon.

The Our Health Our Future Panel is an online panel made up of a representative sample of the population from across our region. Panel members will take part in regular surveys throughout the year as well as form focus groups from time-to-time. The option of hard copy surveys and telephone interviews will be offered to people who are not able to access the survey online. Full reports of every survey will be publicly available and insights gained from the panel will be used to inform our decision-making, strategy, service design and service change.

We are keeping the Get Involved section of our website up to date with details of recruitment activity – visit www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk for locations, dates and times.

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

6. Year of the Nurse and Midwife

To celebrate the World Health Organisation-designated 'Year of the Nurse and Midwife', BSW CCG will be supporting local and national plans as well as running our own campaign. Our campaign will focus on recognising the contribution and skills of general practice and community nurses.

The CCG's Communications and Engagement team is working with practice and community nurses who will share their experiences in a way that celebrates them as well as improves public understanding of those roles. The Communications and Engagement team will turn these recordings into materials we can share with the traditional media as well as on our social media channels.

Many of the planned events and actions to celebrate the Year of the Nurse and Midwife will happen on 12 May, which is the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. We

will also release our BSW campaign materials on that date, and then re-use them throughout the remainder of 2020 under the umbrella of the main campaign.

7. BSW CCG online

As we head towards the merger with Wiltshire CCG and Swindon CCG in April 2020, we are consolidating our online presence.

Our Twitter accounts have already merged – you can follow us @NHSBSWCCG. Our Facebook and Instagram accounts can also be found at @NHSBSWCCG.

We are on LinkedIn as NHS BSW Clinical Commissioning Group.

By 1 April 2020 we will have a new website in place – this will be bswccg.nhs.uk