

**Report for Children, Adults, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel –
Monday 12 May 2025**

Update on Covid-19 spring booster vaccinations

Local people who are most at risk of falling seriously ill from Covid-19 have been coming forward to receive their spring booster vaccine.

All adults aged 75 and over, as well as those over the age of six months and living with a weakened immune system, are eligible for the free vaccination.

So far, since the vaccination drive began at the beginning of April, approximately 45 per cent of people eligible for a booster and living in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have received their top-up vaccine.

For Bath and North East Somerset alone, the uptake currently stands at around 46 per cent, which is similar to what is being seen in Swindon and Wiltshire, and above the national average, which is approximately 36 per cent.

Having the booster vaccine is seen as the most effective form of protection for people who are more susceptible to the effects of Covid-19, especially as immunity from previous vaccinations fades over time.

Vaccination appointments are still available, and can be arranged either over the phone by calling 119 or online at www.nhs.uk/bookcovid.

Drop-in sessions planned for people to find out more about new Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre

Opportunities to find out more about the new and exciting Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre will be happening at community locations throughout the spring and summer months.

Representatives from the local NHS will be on hand at drop-in sessions taking place in and around Trowbridge to provide residents with information about the new centre, which is currently being built on land opposite the town's existing community hospital.

The first drop-in session will be held on Friday 9 May at the Asda supermarket in the Shires shopping centre on Bythesea Road between 11am and 3pm.

Members of the public will be able to see images of the new centre, learn more about what services will be moving to the site and how the new facility will benefit Trowbridge and the surrounding areas.

There will also be opportunities to ask questions and share feedback.

The drop-in information sessions taking place in and Trowbridge are listed below in full:

- Friday 9 May, 11am – 3pm, Asda, The Shires, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8AT
- Friday 16 May, 11am – 3pm, The Shires Shopping Centre, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8XR
- Tuesday 27 May, 9.30am – 1.30pm, Trowbridge Library, 484 Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8BS
- Friday 13 June, 11am – 3pm, Asda, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8AT

- Thursday 26 June, 2.30pm – 6.30pm, Trowbridge Sports Centre, Frome Road, Trowbridge BA14 0DN
- Wednesday 16 July, 8am – 1.30pm, Trowbridge Market, Fore Street, Trowbridge BA14 8HX

Update on responses to ICB's Big A&E Survey

At the beginning of April, the ICB launched an engagement programme to understand what had driven a 5.6 per cent increase in patients visiting A&E departments across Bath, Swindon and Salisbury during 2024.

The Big A&E Survey went live in April and has, to date, been completed by 822 people.

The ICB is now working with Healthwatch to complete face-to-face surveys in each of the A&E departments throughout May, June and July.

Results will be used to develop a better understanding of what has driven walk-in visits to A&Es, and why people are visiting hospital rather than using other NHS services, such as GP surgeries, minor injury units or NHS 111.

The survey will run until the end of July, and a further update will be offered once results have been analysed.

However, early data from the online survey has shown:

- The highest number of respondents (28 per cent) were referred to A&E by NHS 111
- 81 per cent agreed that they didn't have any other choice of where to seek treatment but A&E, while 65 per cent said they went to A&E as they felt their condition was serious or life threatening
- Other services considered before attending A&E included GP practices, NHS 111 and urgent treatment centres
- 79 per cent of respondents did not think they should have attended somewhere else other than A&E
- Most people visiting A&E travelled from within a five-mile radius
- The highest number of respondents (24 per cent) were in the 50-69 age group