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Local health and care system looks ahead with joint Chief Executive appointment



Closer working between health and care providers across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire has taken a step forwards this month following the appointment of new Chief Executive for three Clinical Commissioning Groups in the region.

Tracey Cox will oversee closer working between the three local Clinical Commissioning Groups, which will operate with a single senior management team, use their collective resources more efficiently and streamline their respective decision-making arrangements. She will also lead the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for the region.

“With our local health and care system facing unprecedented demand and financial

pressures, it's now more important than ever that health and care providers work in a seamlessly integrated manner,” Tracey said.

“Where it makes sense, we will work collaboratively to deliver health & care improvements for a larger population across the region. We will also continue with existing plans for local integration and transforming services that benefit our communities and are responsive to people's needs.

The views of people living in the local area will play a central role in the way we shape services in the future and we will be starting a programme of public engagement about this over the next few months.”

Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection on Wiltshire Council and Chair of B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire STP said he was “delighted that Tracey has been appointed to oversee closer integration of health and care services across our region.”

“It is only through working together that we will be able to help people to stay well, act early to prevent ill health and, where care is needed, make sure it is delivered in a joined up way,” he added

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Sharing of care records between health and care professionals takes step forwards

There are ongoing initiatives to join up information in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire to make it easier for health and care professionals to access patient records across the region.

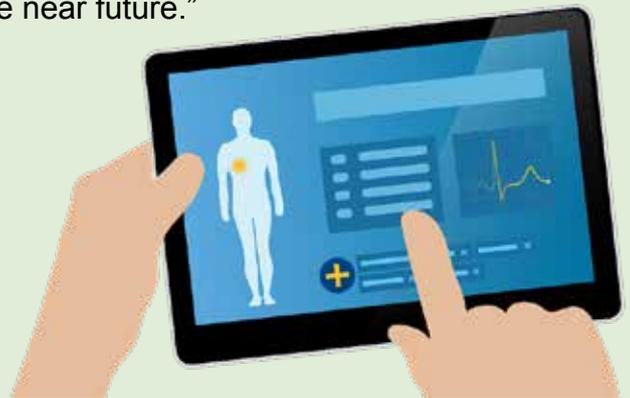
Thanks to work by teams across BSW in the digital workstreams, plans that patients have in place for end of life care will soon be accessible to health and care professionals across the BSW region, including South West Ambulance Service.

The development means that, over the next few months, the specific plans patients have for end of life care will be available to health and care professionals from different parts of the BSW system to view.

Angela Parratt, Chief Digital Officer at BSW said the development was a great step forwards.

“Work to enable the safe and secure sharing of an individual’s health and care information as they move between different parts of the NHS and social care is a top priority for BSW and the fact that this has now starting to become a reality is a significant development.

Sharing access to end of life care plans is the first step in an ongoing process and we will be working to build on this early success in the near future.”



New campaign launched to tackle decline in cervical cancer screening

Public Health England has launched a new campaign to increase the number of women attending cervical screening across the South West.

The Cervical Screening Saves Lives campaign will encourage women to respond to their cervical screening invitation letter, and if they missed their last screening, to book an appointment at their GP practice.

Around 275 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the South West each year and around 62 women die from the disease. It is estimated that if everyone attended screening regularly, 83% of cervical cancer cases could be prevented.

New research from PHE shows nearly all

women eligible for screening (90%) would be likely to take a test that could help prevent cancer, and of those who have attended screening, nine in 10 (94%) would encourage others who are worried to attend their cervical screening.

Despite this, screening is at a 20-year low, with one in four eligible women in the UK not attending their test.

Dr Julie Yates, Lead Consultant for Screening and Immunisation, Public Health England said: “We want to reach out to all those women who may have not responded to their screening letters, or who may have missed a previous appointment, to arrange a screen now and stop putting it off.”

First joint Operational Plan for BSW sets sites on the future

Strong commitment to a joint approach to managing health and care across the BSW area has been highlighted as teams across the region begin to finalise a joint System Operational Plan for 2019 - 2020.

The organisation-level plan outlines a system-wide approach to health and care in the BSW region and is being developed in time for a submission deadline of early April, when the plan will be scrutinised by NHS England.

Once finalised, the plan will form the basis of BSW's approach to its own five year plan and delivery of the roadmap set out in the recent

NHS Long Term Plan.

Central to the Operational Plan for 2019/20 are five key priority areas which bring into focus BSW's planned approach to health and care provision across the region (see below).

Tracey Cox, Chief Executive for BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs and STP said:

"This system operational plan is an important step forwards in terms of joint working and really lays the foundations to how we look to the future and prepare to deliver the NHS Long Term Plan."

Improving health, care and well-being: Key priorities for 2019/20

Banes, Swindon and Wiltshire STP is working together to jointly deliver the following priorities for the next twelve months:

Improving the Health & Wellbeing of our Population

- Increasing our focus on prevention and reducing inequalities
- Supporting people to take more responsibility for their health and wellbeing

Developing Sustainable Communities

- Delivery of joined up efficient and effective primary, community and social care services
- Primary Care Networks, community services and secondary care working together with an initial focus on managing frail individuals to maintain independence, reducing length of stay and preventing admission to hospital wherever appropriate

Sustainable secondary care services

- Acute Hospitals Alliance partners working together to address capacity issues; specialties under pressure; back office services and co-designing care pathways
- Determining where it makes sense for specialist services to be commissioned locally as part of the care pathway redesign work

- Aim to utilise Acute hospitals to their full potential for elective care

Transforming care across BSW

- Focusing on Mental Health, Maternity and Outpatient Services
- Rethinking our approach to outpatients' service to reflect the potential of technology and way in which the public wishes to receive care in the 21st Century and delivering ambitions set out within the Long Term Plan

Creating strong networks of health and care professionals to deliver the NHS Long Term Plan and BSW's operational plan

- Reviewing our Leadership arrangements for all health and care professionals including social care colleagues to drive the development and implementation of BSW Five Year Strategy to deliver the NHS Long Term Plan
- Investing in leadership development, quality improvement methodology and workforce training to support service transformation

The above is an edited list of priorities, a full list will be available shortly at www.bswstp.nhs.uk

Workshop looks at workforce planning for older people care model

Crucial work to develop new approaches to the way older people across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire are cared for is continuing and will fall under the spotlight at a meeting of senior clinicians and health and care service leaders in Devizes next month.

The meeting is aimed at both those responsible for strategic workforce planning around an older peoples' perspective and also to gather the views of those working at the frontline of older people's care.

It will link into the developing STP workforce strategy and examine ways of co-creating a resilient workforce which is able to respond to the new care models and ensure that BSW has the right people doing the right thing at the right level in the right place.

The event takes place in Devizes on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April.

For more information, contact BSW STP Older People's Programme Manager Jill Couvreur at jill.couvreur@nhs.net

Key role for pharmacists in relieving BSW winter pressures



People living across BSW have been encouraged to see their local pharmacists if they are suffering from minor illnesses rather than booking appointments with their GP or visiting their local A&E department.

The advice is part of a campaign to encourage the public to visit a local pharmacy as their first choice for help with common minor health concerns.

Andrew Hobson, Pharmacy Manager at Cohens Chemist in Royal Wootton Bassett and Vice Chair of Community Pharmacy Swindon and Wiltshire said:

“Every year, millions of people visit their GP with minor health problems that a local pharmacy could easily help with. By visiting your pharmacy instead of your GP about a minor illness, you could save yourself time. Seeing a pharmacist will also free-up appointments for your GP to see others.”

Tell us what you think!

We always value feedback from the people who matter: you! Get in touch with us today and let us know how you feel about health and care across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire

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