



Bath and North East Somerset,  
Swindon and Wiltshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group

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## People and Communities Bulletin



**Latest updates and engagement opportunities across your community**

### **Mental health capacity consultation needs your thoughts**

The Government wants to hear what you think about its plans to update the Mental Capacity Act 2005 code of practice and the introduction of liberty protection safeguards.

Some people need help to make decisions about their lives because they don't have capacity to do so. The Mental Capacity Act 2005 is a law that covers what happens when a person doesn't have capacity. The Mental Capacity Act 2005 code of practice explains how the rules in this law must be carried out.

When care or treatment needs to be given to a person who doesn't have capacity, they sometimes lose some of their rights and freedoms. If this happens, there are also rules that must be followed to protect that person. These rules are being improved and will be called liberty protection safeguards.

The consultation closes at 11:45 pm on Thursday 7 July 2022



[Read the consultation here](#)



## Spotlight on co-production series

Over the coming weeks Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living will be showcasing various examples of co-production that have taken place in Wiltshire.

Co-production refers to a way of working, whereby everybody comes together to create positive change. Disabled people are credited as experts and assets, they are local change makers who are able to influence, design and develop how their local community and everything in it works for them.

This week we are highlighting the #seemyskills campaign, which has been co-produced with people with a learning disability who wanted to raise awareness amongst employers in Wiltshire that they should see their skills first, before their disability.

[Watch the #seemyskills video](#)

## Exciting opportunities to join the Healthwatch team

Healthwatch Wiltshire have some exciting vacancies available in the following roles:

### Volunteering and Partnership Lead

Recruit, train and manage a brilliant band of volunteers and help to build strong links with local groups and organisations. The closing date for applications is 15 April 2022.

### Board Co-Ordinator

Plan meetings, prepare agendas and papers and take minutes for our Local Leadership Board. This is an ideal role for someone who is organised and has experience in minute taking. The closing date for applications is 24 April 2022.

More information about the roles can be found on the Work With Us page of the Healthwatch Wiltshire website.

[Visit the Healthwatch Work With Us page to find out more](#)



## Webinars: new guidance on working with people and communities

NHS England and NHS Improvement are seeking feedback on their proposed guidance for health and care organisations working in partnership with people and communities.

You can share your views by joining one of their upcoming webinars on [Monday 9 May 2022 10am-11am](#) or [Wednesday 11 May 2022 12pm-1pm](#).

The webinars will explain more about the proposed guidance and how to give your views as well as respond to queries.

## Covid-19 information

### Information about Covid-19 vaccinations

If you have any queries about the Covid-19 vaccination please check the frequently asked questions section of our website, which is being refreshed and updated regularly.

[Frequently asked questions](#)

### Sign up to our stakeholder briefing

Each week, the CCG issues an update to all its stakeholders on the latest news, developments and goings-on from the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

Any person who would like to receive this easy-to-digest round up, which is sent every Thursday, should send an email to [bswccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.communications@nhs.net) to sign up.

## Press releases

### Read the latest news from across BSW CCG

[Swindon GP practices to merge from Friday 1 April](#)

[Local people asked to support busy NHS by managing new Covid-19 symptoms at home](#)

[Full list of press releases](#)

## Latest information and updates from BSW CCG

### Dates for future engagement forums

The next meeting of the B&NES Your Health Your Voice forum will take place on 9 June 2022 via Microsoft Teams from 2pm-3:30pm.

The next meeting of the Swindon Patient and Public Engagement forum will take place on 23 June 2022 via Microsoft Teams from 2pm-3:30pm.

For more information, or to register your interest, please email the BSW Engagement team via [bswccg.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.engagement@nhs.net)

**The next issue of the People and Communities bulletin will be on the  
25 April 2022**

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