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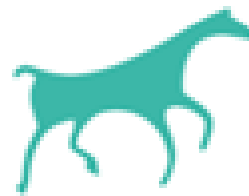


**Latest updates and engagement opportunities across your
community**

Booking open for the Swindon Connecting People network

Wiltshire Community Foundation (WCF) hosts the Swindon Connecting People network on 10 November 2022 10am-12pm, for groups primarily working in Swindon. The group meets three times a year with the aim of bringing together organisations who have an interest in or provide activities that connect people to address loneliness and improve wellbeing.

You can find out more about the Wiltshire Community Foundation and the work they do by visiting their [website](#).



**Wiltshire
Community
Foundation**

[Book your place today](#)



Swindon Shopmobility

Swindon's Shopmobility scheme is open to anyone with limited mobility, with a selection of manually- propelled and battery-powered wheelchairs and scooters available. These are provided to help people with mobility difficulties when using the facilities in Swindon town centre.

Anyone with limited mobility, whether through permanent or temporary disability, illness, accident or age can use the scheme. Persons under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult or carer.

[More information on the scheme](#)

Cafe Mobility launched by Voluntary Action Swindon

Cafe Mobility was recently launched by Voluntary Action Swindon. The cafe is based in Sandford House car park next to Swindon Shopmobility and is open Monday to Friday 8:30am-3pm. The cafe is fully accessible to customers in wheelchairs and mobility scooters and has outdoor seating available to all customers.

The aim of the cafe is to be environmentally friendly and as ethical as possible. The cafe will be offering Change Please coffee. Change Please is a social enterprise, with 100% of the profits going into giving people experiencing homelessness a fresh shot at life.

[Find out more about the Change Please scheme](#)





Upcoming wellbeing event for vaccination staff

As a thank you to our dedicated vaccination staff a Wellbeing Week will be taking place across the BSW area from 17 October 2022.

There will be a range of activities and events on offer to support staff across the week as well as regular communications with information and advice. If you would like to get involved, either by sharing any resources or tools you have available or would like to hold an event as part of the week please get in touch with michelle.follett-holt@nhs.net.

Join the understanding the impacts of trauma webinar

Join John Conolly, Lead Counsellor and Psychotherapist with the Westminster Homeless Health Service in helping the NHS better support homeless patients and to explore how engagement practitioners can be more supportive and compassionate when working with people who have experienced trauma.

The webinar will take place on 20 October 2022 from 1pm-2:30pm.

[Sign up today](#)





Have you used eyecare services in the South West within the last five years?

NHS England have planned the South West Eyecare patient summit alongside eyecare charities and people with lived experience of visual impairment to create an accessible and inclusive event.

The chair of the event, as well as the facilitators attending are all people who have used eyecare services, with the aim to experiences of patients and to make the regions eyecare services the best they can be. The event will run from 10am-1pm on Tuesday 1 November 2022.

[Register for free now!](#)

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](#)

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