



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**

### Register now for the carer friendly Wiltshire conference

Carer Support Wiltshire will be holding their first carer-friendly Wiltshire conference at the Trowbridge Civic Centre on 12 May 2022 from 10am-3pm.

Illness, disability, old age; there are many reasons why three in five of us will look after a loved one and become an unpaid carer at some point in their lives. Becoming an unpaid carer can affect personal finances, social life, education and employment, as well as general health and wellbeing. Who cares? Seven million people in the UK do and over 47,000 of those people are in Wiltshire.

While the COVID pandemic created additional pressures on unpaid carers, it also provided the impetus for communities to work more closely together to support those more vulnerable and isolated people in both towns and villages.

Bringing together commissioners, health and care professionals, community organisations, businesses and others, Carer Support Wiltshire will explore how Wiltshire can build on these developments and become the first truly carer-friendly county in the country.



The sessions will cover:

- 1: Carer stories
- 2: A carer friendly approach within the GP surgery setting
- 3: An interactive session looking at what a carer friendly community is
- 4: Our carer's week plans and how to get involved

Registration is now open, so book your places now!

[Follow this link to register](#)



## **Have your say on the patient experience at the Royal United Hospital (RUH) Bath**

Have you, your family or carer ever told staff at the Royal United Hospitals, Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) about your experience of the hospital?

What would help you, your family or carer to provide feedback or to be involved in improving services provided by the RUH?

The Patient Experience Team invite you to share your views in order to understand how to work together to improve the experience of patients, their families and carers.

In order to share your views, or to express an interest in joining a future online group meeting, please complete the questionnaire by following the link below no later than 6 May 2022.

[Complete the questionnaire today](#)

## 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 8 May 2022.

### Projects Lead

If you have engagement, research and project management skills to develop our work over the coming year then we want to hear from you. For more information, visit the Work With Us page of the Healthwatch Wiltshire website. The closing date for applications is 8 May 2022.

[Visit the Work With Us section of the Healthwatch website](#)



## 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](#)

## 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

## Why not check out the Triangle - a newsletter about the work of the BSW Partnership Integrated Care System

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups Communications and Engagement Team have another publication available to you, called the Triangle.

The Triangle contains a mixture of news and updates from across BSW showcasing how we are helping to improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities.

Head on over to the [BSW Partnership website](#) to find out more.

**The next issue of the People and Communities bulletin will be on the 09 May 2022**

**If you would like information to be included in the next bulletin, send through by midday on 03 May 2022. For this and for signing up to future bulletins please email [bswccg.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.engagement@nhs.net)**

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