



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



Time to Talk Day - Thursday 3 February 2022

Time to Talk Day is on Thursday 3 February 2022. The day is about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, or colleagues about mental health.

One in four of us will experience a mental health problem in any given year. So opening up the conversation about mental health problems is important.

Take some time to talk on Thursday.

[Time to talk day](#)

Free access to tailored digital resources to support unpaid carers

Working with leading national charity Carers UK, unpaid carers are being given free access to new digital resources. [The Digital Resource for Carers](#) is an online platform that hosts a wealth of resources for carers to help them build resilience in their caring roles.

The resources can help primary care to deliver on the [NHS Long Term Plan Commitments](#) to unpaid carers and includes e-learning, guides and comprehensive signposting, access to MyBackUp, a simple contingency planning tool for what might happen in an emergency, and Jointly, Carers UK's care co-ordination app.

Carers UK have published guidance for health professionals which explains how the offer works and includes an access code to provide unpaid carers as well as ideas and tips for how to refer them for support.

Carers UK guidance for professionals



Make a difference to health and care services by joining Healthwatch Wiltshire's Board

Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for people with a passion for health and social care services to join its Local Leadership Board.

The Board is the driving force behind Healthwatch Wiltshire's commitment to ensure the voices of adults, children and young people are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services in the county.

Applications are now open for two new members, one of which will take on the role of Deputy Chair of the Board. As a board member, you'll need to be able to make sense of complex information and be a good strategic thinker. You'll also need to be a strong team player, a good listener and be able to speak up on issues that you feel are important.

As Deputy Chair, you'll be working closely with the

Chair and the Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager to attend multi-agency health and care meetings on behalf of the Board and chair meetings in the absence of the Chair.

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 10 March 2022. For an informal chat with either with the Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager or a member of the Board please contact info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

[More info and apply for the role](#)

We're now open for servicing!

Voluntary Action Swindon (VAS) is delighted to announce an enhanced service at Swindon Shopmobility which can now offer qualified servicing of mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs.

Following investment in a residential training course, our two Shopmobility staff are now fully qualified in maintenance and servicing. Customers and non-customers will be able to schedule an annual service of a mobility scooter for just £50 and, where appropriate, have use of a Shopmobility motor scooter while their own is being serviced.

We're also delighted to be working in partnership with the Gateway Furniture Project to offer a collection and delivery service for private mobility scooters.

The Swindon Shopmobility service offers a range of mobility scooters, power wheelchairs for daily hire as well as manual wheelchairs for short or longer term hire.

For more information or to make a booking please telephone 07379 689128.

[Swindon Shopmobility page on VAS website](#)



Swindon Shopmobility
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Swindon Shopmobility, based in the town centre, provides a selection of manually propelled and battery-powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters. These can be hired by anyone with limited mobility for as little as £2 a day for use in the town centre area. Free parking is also provided.

Available equipment for hire includes:

- Mobility scooters
- Power chairs
- Manual Wheelchairs



Open to all ages but anyone under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult or carer. You do not have to be a member to access the service as temporary memberships are available, long term manual wheelchair hire is available without a membership. Full training can be provided.

 Opening Times
Monday to Friday – 9am to 4pm
Saturday – 9am to 3pm

We are now able to offer servicing and repairs of private scooters and power chairs. Annual services of mobility scooters costs just £50, members can use a Shopmobility scooter whilst theirs is being serviced and non members at a reduced charge. Collection of equipment can be arranged at an additional cost.

For more information on all our services and prices or to book, please:
Phone: 07379 689128 or
Email: shopmobility@vas-swindon.org or visit:
www.vas-swindon.org/services/Shopmobility



Celebrate the Pride of Swindon Awards 2022

The Pride of Swindon Awards is a perfect way to celebrate the amazing, selfless and caring people or group in our community that go the extra mile.

Over the last few years, it has been clear how amazing our essential workers are. Even in the toughest of times, there are some who go above and beyond for their patients and the community. The reassuring smiles and compassionate chatter from our healthcare professionals give comfort and support on days where people need it the most.

If there is someone who you think is deserving of an award to recognise the differences that they have made, however big or small, The Pride of Swindon awards gives you the chance to do this.

The closing date for the nominations is 12pm on Monday 14 February 2022.

[Nominate someone for a Pride of Swindon Award](#)

Quartet Community Foundation Express Grant

Quartet Community Foundation awards grants to support community based work that has a charitable purpose. Primarily grants are awarded to organisations based and working in the West of England (Bath and North East Somerset as well as Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) to benefit local people.

One of the grant programmes is the Express Grant programme. The Express Grant is open for applications all year and can support charitable and community activities, projects and services that fulfil the following:

- Aims to improve the lives of local people by addressing specific needs and disadvantages within their communities.
- Reflect the concerns and priorities of the people they aim to benefit
- Where possible include the active involvement of local people in designing and delivering the activity.
- Complement existing local charitable and community initiatives.



Full information about the Express Grant can be found on the Quartet Community Foundation website.

[More info regarding the Express Grant](#)

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 to sign up.

Press releases

Read the latest news from across BSW CCG

[Walk-in Covid-19 vaccine clinic to be held at home of Bath City Football Club](#)

[Iconic vaccination centres give out nearly half a million vaccines during first year](#)

[Booster vaccines for older teens help young people keep themselves and those around them](#)

[Full list of press releases](#)

Latest information and updates from BSW CCG



Would you be interested in joining our Public Engagement and Insights team?

We have a vacancy for an engagement specialist to take responsibility for our public insights and involvement function.

It's an exciting time to join us; we have a new Chief Executive designate who is passionate about community engagement and there are fresh opportunities to design our local engagement framework and bring new ideas for how to involve local people and communities in our decision making.

[Find out more and apply for the role](#)

BSW Partnership Board meeting in public - 25 February 2022

The BSW Partnership Board will hold its meeting in public on 25 February 2022. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers to find out more about the Partnership, our progress as an ICS and our plans for the future.

The meeting will be from 9am to 12pm and will be held virtually via Zoom.

You can request to attend and observe the meeting and submit a question to the BSW Partnership board by emailing bswccg.partnership@nhs.net

Please note you will need to submit questions a minimum of five working days before the meeting date, i.e. the Friday before the meeting (5pm on 18 February 2022). We sometimes receive a lot of questions and reserve the right to respond only to a few of these during the meeting to allow sufficient time for all items and proceedings. All questions we receive and the responses will be published online.

The next issue of the People and Communities bulletin will be on the 14 February 2022.

If you would like information to be included in the next bulletin, send through by midday on 9 February 2022. For this and for signing up to future bulletins please email bswccg.engagement@nhs.net



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