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CEO appointed to lead partnership of health and care organisations

Sue Harriman, CEO of Solent NHS Community and Mental Health Trust in Hampshire, has been appointed designate Chief Executive of the NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) Integrated Care Board which is due to be established in April 2022.

The BSW Integrated Care Board will be the new statutory NHS organisation responsible for planning and delivering health and care services and is being set up as part of the government's new health and care reforms.

The ICB will work collaboratively with partner organisations including the VCSE sector and people and communities in each Integrated Care System (ICS).

Locally, the ICS is known as the BSW Partnership.

The functions of BSW Clinical Commissioning Group will transition into the ICB at the end of March 2022, and will hold the budget for commissioning high quality patient care and have the authority to establish performance arrangements to ensure this is delivered.

Sue has been appointed following a competitive and robust recruitment process that was overseen by NHS England and Improvement.

Commenting on her appointment, Sue said: "I'm really looking forward to joining NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board as designate Chief Executive.

"I firmly believe that by better joining up health and care services, we can improve services, patient outcomes and the health and wellbeing of local people, whilst also making improvements for those of us working in health care.

"An important part of deciding how services should be arranged is through the involvement of the people who use them; meeting with local people to understand how health and care needs can be met locally is something that is really important to me."

Sue has been Chief Executive of Solent NHS Trust since 2014 and in February this year completed a six-month secondment as Chief Operating Officer for the national Covid-19 vaccination deployment programme.

With more than 16 years of clinical experience gained from working as a nurse in the Royal Navy, Sue joined the NHS in 2002 as a nurse consultant in infection prevention.

In more recent years, Sue has held various executive roles within NHS, including as a Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director before becoming Chief Executive at Solent NHS Trust.

Under her leadership, Solent NHS Trust achieved an improved Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating, from 'requires improvement' to good overall with outstanding in the caring domain.

Sue Harriman will join the BSW Clinical Commissioning Group in February 2022.

Stephanie Elsy, Chair-designate of the BSW Partnership said: "Sue is an outstanding CEO and has a wealth of experience in health and care leadership, transformation and community engagement.

"I am delighted she will be joining us to lead our partnership in achieving our shared vision of improving health outcomes and working together to empower people to lead their best life."

Leadership of the local health and care system continues to be provided by Tracey Cox until further notice.

Tracey Cox was the accountable officer for Bath and North East Somerset CCG from 2014 and also led Wiltshire CCG for over a year before being appointed as Chief Executive of BSW CCG and Senior Responsible Officer for the BSW Partnership.

Commenting on Tracey Cox, Stephanie Elsy said: "Tracey's calm and supportive leadership of our health and care system has been vital to manage the challenge and consequences of the pandemic and ensure the best possible care for our patients and communities.

"The groundwork that Tracey Cox has started, with the active support of CCG colleagues and our system partners, has put BSW in a strong position to establish our ICB from April, help improve health outcomes for our local population and address health inequalities."

For more information about BSW Partnership visit www.bswpartnership.nhs.uk.

Notes for editors:

- BSW Partnership Integrated Care System serves a combined population of around 940,000 people living across the regions of B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire.
- Partnership organisations employ 37,600 colleagues and benefit from the contribution of many more carers and volunteers.

- Our population is served by hundreds of third sector organisations, over 90 GP practices, two community providers, three acute hospital trusts, a mental health trust, an ambulance trust, a clinical commissioning group (CCG) and three Local Authorities.
- Our partner organisations are:
 - Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
 - Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Bath & North East Somerset Council
 - Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Healthwatch Wiltshire
 - Healthwatch Swindon
 - Healthwatch Bath and North East Somerset
 - Medvivo
 - Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust
 - Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
 - South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
 - Swindon Borough Council
 - Virgin Care
 - Wessex Local Medical Committees
 - West of England Academic Health Science Network
 - Wiltshire Council
 - Wiltshire Health and Care
- Other provider organisations from outside of the BSW area, such as Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, as well as local voluntary sector organisations, are also included within the BSW Partnership
- The BSW Partnership also works with a wide range of voluntary and community sector organisations, which help provide invaluable support to our populations, as well as our health and care services.