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Healthier Together

Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Welcome to the July edition of our Integrated Care System newsletter

10 Year Health Plan published



The Government's 10 Year Health Plan has now been launched.

The plan is centred around the three shifts: hospital to community, analogue to digital and sickness to prevention.

It has been shaped by the experiences and expectations of members of the public and the health and care workforce across the country, reflecting the changes that people wanted to see.

In addition to the nationally led surveys, we heard from more than 900 people through local events, and we would like to thank everyone who took part.

[Find out more about the 10 Year Health Plan and read our local engagement report on the Healthier Together website.](#)

[Only order what you need](#)



The graphic features the 'Healthier Together' logo (three overlapping circles in purple, green, and blue) and the 'NHS' logo in a blue box. Below these is a green-bordered box containing the text 'Repeat prescriptions?' and a green checkmark icon. Underneath are three circular icons: a calendar for 'Plan ahead' (blue), a pill bottle and pills for 'Keep track' (purple), and a shopping bag with a cross for 'Check your bag' (green). At the bottom is the hashtag '#OnlyOrderWhatYouNeed' in bold blue text.

The NHS spends an estimated £300m on unused medicines each year. We need your help to reduce this.

Every pound spent on wasted medicines is a pound less than can be spent on delivering NHS services and everyone has a part to play in reducing medicines waste.

You can help by:

- Planning ahead
- Keeping track of what medication you're taking
- Only ordering the medicines you need.

[Find out more about medicines waste on the Healthier Together website.](#)

Improving services

[£2.5 million trial to improve outcomes for blocked arteries](#)



£2.5 million in funding has been granted for a trial that aims to improve health outcomes for blocked arteries.

The trial, funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), will be randomised and involve participants from 20 to 30 hospitals across the UK.

North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) will be leading the trial in collaboration with the Centre for Trials Research at Cardiff University and the University of Bristol.

[Read more about the trial on the NBT website.](#)

[NBT opens new Bristol 3D Medical Centre](#)



North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) has opened a new Bristol 3D Medical Centre, the first of its kind in the UK to deliver 3D scanning, design and printing in one NHS location.

The Centre will provide state-of-the-art technology to develop bespoke prosthetics and devices.

David Richards, from Devon, has been using the new service after his face was burned, which led to his eye being removed. A 3D scan has assisted with a better understanding of how his scars are healing.

[Read more about the Bristol 3D Medical Centre on the NBT website.](#)

[Ukraine children's clinical teams to be trained by the NHS](#)



Children's clinicians from hospitals in Ukraine, including areas that have seen significant shelling, are due to be trained by the NHS, as part of a four-week paediatric rehabilitation training programme.

The eight-strong group will receive specialist training across six English hospital trusts, including University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW), which runs Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.

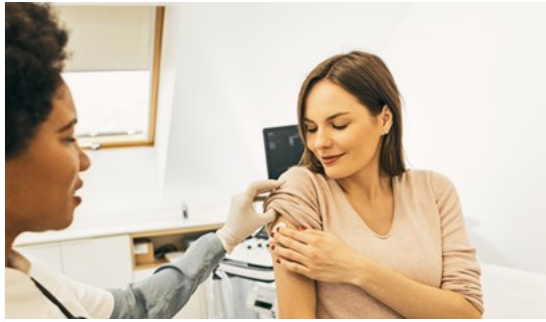
The groups will learn from NHS teams in intensive care, neurorehabilitation and sleep. They will then return to Ukraine, where they will train their colleagues, building paediatric healthcare capacity.

[Read more about the clinicians being trained at UHBW.](#)

Involving you

[Volunteers needed for study testing new vaccine against typhoid fever](#)

[Give your feedback on patient information leaflets](#)



Volunteers are needed to take part in a new clinical study testing a new vaccine preventing typhoid and paratyphoid fever.

People aged 18 to 55 years old and in good health are invited to take part in the new BiVISTA clinical study, run by the Vaccine and Testing Research Team at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW), in collaboration with the University of Oxford's Vaccine Group.

Participants will receive either the experimental vaccine or a control vaccine and, one month later, will be exposed to the bacteria under carefully monitored conditions.

[Read more about becoming part of the typhoid fever vaccine trial on UHBW's website.](#)



North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) is looking for patients, families and carers to feedback on patient information leaflets.

The trust is looking to explore how people access patient information, how people would like to access leaflets and whether the information provided is understandable.

The responses from the short survey will be used as part of an overall review of patient information.

[Read more about the patient information leaflets on the NBT website.](#)

Integrated Care System news

[ICB Board Meeting update](#)

[Image library launched to address lack of diverse photography in healthcare](#)



Leaders of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire's Integrated Care Board (ICB) met for the July board meeting on 3 July.

Visit the [ICB website](#) for a recording of the full meeting and board papers.

Listen to a summary of the meeting from ICB Chair, Jeff Farrar (pictured), in a short video available on the [ICB YouTube channel](#).



The University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) has launched a photo library to introduce more imagery of conditions against a range of skin tones.

Volunteers, who had medical conditions such as scars, jaundice and rashes, were invited to attend photoshoots at community venues in Bristol.

The photos aim to lower the rate of misdiagnoses and provide a better healthcare experience for patients.

[Read more about the image library on the UWE website.](#)

[Clinicians give evidence at House of Lords autism committee](#)



Two clinicians from Sirona care & health were invited to appear as expert witnesses at the House of Lords Autism Act 2009 Committee last month.

The committee is currently reviewing the Autism Act 2009 and the Government's autism strategy, which comes to an end next year.

[Sirona highlights vital work to raise awareness of learning disabilities](#)



Accessibility champions from Sirona care & health showcased the vital work they have been doing to support people with learning disabilities and reduce health inequalities.

Lyn Sandles, Learning Disability Screening Practitioner, and Suzannah Cook, Accessible Communications and Engagement Lead,

Vicki Bates, Lead for the Autism Assessment Service, and Dr Emma Bradley, Consultant Paediatrician, were invited as representatives from Sirona, which provides an Autism Assessment Service for children and young people across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

[Read more about the House of Lords autism committee on Sirona's website.](#)

shared their impactful initiatives at a meeting with Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board as part of Learning Disability Awareness Week.

[Read more about the learning disability awareness work Sirona is doing on its website.](#)

[Elective Centre works nearing completion](#)



Work is nearing completion on the Elective Centre at Southmead Hospital, as staff prepare to begin the move into the building next month.

This is an important milestone for the newly-formed [Bristol NHS Group](#) as it demonstrates what can be achieved when the group works together for the benefit of patients.

The additional theatre capacity the centre provides will benefit both North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) and [University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust \(UHBW\)](#) as part of efforts to further reduce waiting times for patients.

[Read more about the Elective Centre on the NBT website.](#)

[NBT rises to third place for Research Capability Funding](#)



North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) was awarded £1.56 million Research Capability Funding (RCF) from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) for 2025/26. This allocation puts NBT in third position out of 258 NHS trusts and organisations in England.

This is NBT's highest position to date – up from sixth position last year, and the third year in a row the trust has ranked in the top 10.

RCF is an indicator of how research-active an NHS organisation or health care provider is.

[Read more about the funding on the NBT website.](#)

GP practices help to detect cardiovascular disease earlier through child-parent screening



A pioneering NHS national pilot has shown potential to improve the early detection of familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), following the publication of an independent evaluation.

FH is a genetic condition that significantly increases the risk of early heart disease.

GP practices in the West of England played a key role in the success of the pilot Child Parent Screening Service, completing 606 screenings – 33% of the national total – between October 2021 and 2024.

[Find out more about the pilot on the Health Innovation West of England website.](#)

UHBW's Children and Young People Services ranked in top 10%



University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust's (UHBW) services for children and young people has received the results of the 2024 CQC National Children and Young People's Survey from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

UHBW scored in the top 10 per cent when parents and carers were asked how well their child was looked after overall and in the top 20 per cent of trusts when it came to how well parents or carers were looked after.

[Read more about the survey on the UHBW website.](#)

UHBW staff celebrated at Full-hearted Care Awards 2025



Staff who have gone above and beyond at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) were celebrated at the Trust's staff awards.

The Full-hearted Care awards are an opportunity to recognise the difference colleagues make to the lives they touch, whether that be within UHBW or beyond to patients and communities.

Funded by the Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity, the awards took place at Ashton Gate Stadium and were hosted by LCB Radio's James Hanson.

[Read more about the awards on the UHBW website.](#)

Local health and care jobs

Here is a selection of vacancies in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire area. [For a full list of opportunities, please see the NHS Jobs website.](#)

- [Research Portfolio Officer](#), Bristol (closes 14 July)
- [Senior Healthcare Support Worker - Emergency Department](#), Bristol (closes 14 July)
- [Lead Nurse Critical Care](#), Bristol (closes 15 July)
- [Dental Clinical Assistant](#), Bristol (closes 15 July)
- [Practitioner Psychologist](#), Bristol (closes 16 July)
- [Senior Staff Nurse](#), Bristol (closes 17 July)
- [Emergency Zone Receptionist](#), Bristol (closes 17 July)
- [Senior Medical Secretary](#), Bristol (closes 18 July)
- [Occupational Health Screening Nurse](#), Bristol (closes 20 July)
- [Senior Safeguarding Adults Nurse/Practitioner](#), Bristol (closes 20 July)
- [Dental Nurse](#), Weston-super-Mare (closes 20 July)
- [Hospital Porter/Driver](#), Bristol (closes 28 July)

Looking for a job in social care? A huge variety of roles are available on the websites of [North Somerset Council](#), [Bristol City Council](#) and [South Gloucestershire Council](#).

Dates for your diary

17 July from 5.30pm to 7pm

[Men's Mental Health Event](#)

The Optima Stadium, Winterstoke Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9AA

25 July 2025 from 3pm-5pm

[Resident Drop-In Session](#)

The Folk Hall, Portishead, BS20 6PR

Every Saturday morning

[ParkPlay](#)

Clevedon, Portishead and Weston-super-Mare



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