In the News

NHS Somerset

16 January 2023 - 28 Feb 2023

Welcome to our second addition of In The News which features some of the highlights of our media coverage across Somerset. We would like to thank our colleagues across health and care who have taken the time to share their stories, especially during such a pressured time. If you have a story you'd like us to highlight, or have a colleague you think we should celebrate, please get in touch with our communications team at: somicb.communications@nhs.net

This month, The Times Health Correspondent Eleanor Hayward spent two days in Somerset looking at some of our new initiatives across the county. Titled 'How NHS Somerset is revolutionising the way we care for our elderly' Eleanor describes having unprecedented access to the system. She highlights GP call centres, ready-to-go wards and doctor driven 'ambulances' to empower patients and take the pressure off A&E. Thank you to Somerset NHS FT and Somerset County Council for their hard work to make this happen.

We would also like to celebrate Somerset's Proud To Care campaign launched this month. It's a shared initiative between Somerset County Council and the NHS. The stories behind the campaign are inspirational.

How NHS Somerset is revolutionising the way we care for our elderly

Featured on: Times (16 million readers a month)

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My Time To Care Campaign

Launched on 16th January and led by Somerset County Council but supported by the NHS and the Registered Care Providers Association. Showcases a career in Social Care in Somerset.

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Our response(s) to ongoing Industrial Action

During January and February we issued reminders to the public about the planned Industrial Action - signposting them to relevant information and guidance. We then created a specific page to support ongoing messaging.

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Public asked to help shape the future of acute hospital-based stroke services in Somerset

On Monday 30th January we launched our 12 week public consultation.

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Somerset residents encouraged to get Covid booster

We issued a reminder to the public about getting their Covid-19 boosters before the scheme ended on Sunday 12 February.

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Closure of Springmead Surgery

We confirmed that Springmead Surgery in Chard was closing permanently. on Friday 24 February.

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NHS Response to incident involving a bus on A39

On 17 January, we coordinated and issued a response on behalf of the NHS in Somerset.

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Somerset Urgent Community Response

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For when you need urgent care at home

We launched the campaign to raise awareness of the service and how people can be referred.

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