



Committee report

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
Date	14 MARCH 2022
Title	REVIEW OF COMMISSIONED GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES AND DENTAL NEED IN HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT
Report of	CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the latest position regarding NHS dental services for Island residents.

BACKGROUND

2. The Committee will recall that it has considered the problems experienced by Island residents with trying to access NHS dental treatment.
3. At the 19 July 2021 meeting we considered the report produced by Healthwatch Isle of Wight into NHS dental services on the Island. The report and its recommendations were fully supported.
4. At the 13 September 2021 meeting, which was attended by Alison Cross the Senior Commissioning Manager (Dental) for NHS E&I – South East Region, the impact on dentistry provision due to the pandemic was noted. The Committee considered however that many of the issues experienced on the Island pre-dated the pandemic.
5. The Committee was informed that NHS E&I would be working with Public Health England to commission an oral health needs assessment for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to determine where the units of dental activity (UDAs) should be tendered. It was anticipated that the consultation process would take 6 months before going out to tender.
6. The meeting of the Committee on 29 November 2021 was advised of progress by NHS England with its proposed review and the anticipated date that a consultation document would be available for comment.
7. An initial draft review document was circulated by NHS England dated 4 February 2022 to key stakeholders. See appendix 1 attached. Due to technical errors this was not received until 15 February 2022 and the deadline for comments was therefore extended to 7 March 2022. The documents were circulated to the committee for comment.

8. I have now provided a response to Richard Wooltertern, Head of Primary Care (Kent, Surrey & Sussex), South East Regional Lead for Dentistry together with a number of issues requiring clarification. A copy of this is attached.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

9. Appendix 1 – Letter from NHS England on the commissioning of mandatory dental services for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
10. Appendix 2 – Response by the Chairman together with comments and queries.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. Meetings of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care held on :- 19 July 2021; 13 September 2021 and 29 November 2021.
<https://iow.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=174&Year=0>

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