

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE: 13.06.2019</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER: Opportunities for oral health improvement</b>
<p><b>1. Purpose of paper</b></p> <p>To update Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board about the work on oral health needs assessment of the local population and highlight opportunities to improve oral health in light of the Councils statutory responsibilities.</p>
<p><b>2. Background</b></p> <p>Local authorities have statutory responsibilities for oral health as outlined in The Health and Social Care Act 2012. Some of these responsibilities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• secure the provision of oral health improvement programmes to improve the health of the local population to the extent that they consider appropriate in their areas</li> <li>• secure the provision of oral health surveys</li> <li>• participate in any oral health survey conducted or commissioned by the secretary of state</li> <li>• make proposals regarding water fluoridation schemes, including a duty to conduct public consultations in relation to such proposals and powers to make decisions about such proposals.</li> </ul> <p>Good oral health is an integral component of general health and wellbeing. The Oral Health Strategy is in line with Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment (KJSA) and aims to capture the good practices for oral health improvement and provide a baseline evaluation of the oral health of the local population in regional and national context. Furthermore, the Strategy will support the coordinated activities in Kirklees and Calderdale in order to reduce oral health inequalities and to achieve sustainable improvements in oral health with a particular emphasis on children and vulnerable adults. The Strategy will provide a shared platform for partnership working with NHS England, local dentists, oral health promotion services, Healthwatch and other stakeholders to deliver improvements in oral health</p>
<p><b>3. Proposal</b></p> <p>We hope to achieve the goals mentioned above by setting up a joint Oral Health Action Group (OHAG) between Kirklees and Calderdale Councils which will report directly to the Health and Wellbeing Boards of each Council. The joint OHAG will have separate actions plans which are in line with the specific priorities and ways of working of the two Councils.</p>
<p><b>4. Financial Implications</b></p> <p>There are no financial implications for the Council. The actions are evidence-based interventions developed in line with recommendations from Public Health England (PHE) Commissioning Better Oral Health and Return on Investment Tool.</p>
<p><b>5. Sign off</b></p> <p>Rachel Spencer-Henshall Strategic Director – Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health</p>

**6. Next Steps**

The first OHAG is will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 to agree the Terms of Reference and adopt the Strategy and Action Plan and any recommendations from The Health and Wellbeing Board.

**7. Recommendations**

- For the Health and Wellbeing Board to endorse and support the development of the joint Oral Health Advisory Group

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