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Kirklees Health Overview Scrutiny Committee: *Dentistry and Oral Health in West Yorkshire*

WY ICB Dental Overview

Timeline –

- ❖ **1 April 2023:** ICB inherits commissioning responsibility for dental services from NHSE; significant work pre-delegation to ensure system readiness; eager to become the commissioner.
- ❖ **16 May 2023:** ICB Board focus on dentistry and oral health; all recommendations agreed to.
- ❖ **Since May to present day:** rapid development and delivery of a dental improvement programme, delivering now and planning over multiple time horizons, and ensuring business continuity.

Key context –

- ❖ Significant challenges – access, workforce capacity/morale, public dissatisfaction, contract, under-delivery.
- ❖ Bold risk appetite from WY ICB with ambition to address challenges, improve services and oral health, working across partners, recognising some challenges and solutions are national.
- ❖ Commissioning team working across Y&H, with HNY ICB and SY ICB, joining up our work on shared priorities

Our priorities –

- ❖ **Immediate term** – maximising the dental budget with a £6.5m investment plan, developing strong relationships (clinical, political, public, national etc.), and increasing team capacity
- ❖ **Medium term** – going further on flexible commissioning with up to 25%, developing a dental workforce plan, and improving the relationship between dental commissioning and oral health/public health
- ❖ **Long term** – transforming services, new service models, water fluoridation, and stemming the flow of under-delivery with proactive approaches and policy positions

Progress Snapshot Across WY

£6.5m Investment Plan

- ✓ Urgent access sessions – £4.9m full year investment, delivered by GPs on a sessional basis
- ✓ Targeted schemes – £650,000 on schemes for vulnerable population groups including those suffering homelessness, refugees/asylum seekers, children living in our most deprived areas and gypsy, roma and traveller communities
- ✓ Community dental services – £225,000, including an innovative 'level 2' scheme where patients are seen by qualified GPs, reducing waits and treating people close to home
- ✓ Orthodontics – £150,000 to enhance capacity and provision, noting challenges in this space
- ✓ Prevention – £575,000 investment through a range of partners in areas that prevent a further deterioration in oral health, including in schemes run by our local authorities (e.g. supervised toothbrushing, health visiting) and through the University of Leeds (e.g. schemes supporting children with autism).

Other areas of progress

- Progressing our flexible commissioning ambitions
- Developing a dental workforce plan
- Building strong relationships with clinical and non-clinical stakeholders
- Collaborative work on community dental services with providers
- Recruitment to the dental team



NHS Dentistry in Kirklees

Current Context

- 54 GDS providers, commissioned to provide 763,233 UDAs
- 12 (of 54) GDS providers engaged in flexible commissioning
- 3 Orthodontic providers, commissioned to provide 30,502 UOAs
- 2 IMOS providers
- Refugee & asylum seeker and homeless additional access practice
- 2 practices engaged in additional waiting list validation access sessions
- Min. 2 additional practices to provide additional access for children pending
- Additional £77,000 provided to Kirklees Council for oral health schemes

Urgent Dental Care

- Avg. appts needed across WY: 8,238 (first 6m 2023/24)
- Avg. appts offered across WY: 6,052 (first 6m 2023/24)
- Kirklees provision vs demand: -1,066; Huddersfield = avg. 1.09 patients per appt, Dewsbury = avg. 1.96 patients per appt.
- April '21 to Sept '23: CHFT = 2,000 dental presentations at A&E, MYTT = 4,000

NHS Dentistry in Kirklees

Paediatric Dentistry (Locala Community Dental Service)

- 1855 new patients waiting to be assessed
- 331 patients waiting for extractions
- 50 weeks longest wait
- 77 weeks average wait time from new patient to extraction
- Work ongoing: collaboration amongst CDS providers, exploring mutual aid; exploring potential short term, non-recurrent interventions; collaboration between ICB, CDS providers and WYAAT; CDS specification review.

Paediatric Dentistry (Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS FT, Secondary Care Dental service)

- 135 new patients waiting to be assessed
- 11 patients awaiting surgical treatment
- 49 weeks longest wait
- 26 weeks average wait time from new patient to extraction

Access and oral health data

- 31.2% 5 year olds with experience of decay (2019)
- 51.6% adults had accessed a dentist in the prior 24 months (up to 30th June, 2019)
- 54.7% of children had accessed a dentist in the prior 12 months (up to 30th June, 2019)
- 54.2% FP17s for 0–17-year-olds showed application of fluoride varnish

Summary

We have embarked on a dental transformation programme that delivers in the immediate term, and takes medium and long term view (including focusing on financial enablers for next year)

We are exploring long term solutions and transformation – new service models, better integration with oral health and public health teams, addressing under-delivery, improving our measurement

Our approach is ambitious and transformative, but deliverable and is delivering now through our investment plan and approach to supporting practices and stabilising current provision

We are addressing significant challenges over the immediate, medium and long term, and are optimistic about our impact, but some significant challenges require national solutions and long-term concerted effort.