

TITLE OF REPORT: Children's Oral Health in Gateshead

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Summary

The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2015 highlighted that ensuring children have the best start in life is firmly established in public health thinking as the most important issue for improving health and tackling health inequalities.

Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee have agreed that the focus of its review in 2016/17 will be Children's Oral Health.

1. Background

1.1 A scoping report was presented to the committee in June 2016 outlining the process of the oral health review. A presentation was given to the committee in September 2016 by Dr David Landes from Public Health England. The presentation outlined the prevalence of problems, measures and indicators, the national policy context and factors shaping and influencing children's oral health.

1.2 The next stage of the review is to receive a presentation from NHS England.

2. Scope of presentation

2.1 NHS England has agreed to present to the overview and scrutiny committee today. The scope of the presentation will cover:

- Profile of dental services commissioned by NHS England across Gateshead including capacity and take up for children
- General overview of NHS England commissioning responsibility, the current contractual framework and the challenges this presents
- Overview of the future direction of travel with the proposed new contract and the move to a model that includes a form of 'partial registration' in the form of capitation

3. Next stages of the review

3.1 The next stages of the review are as follows:

- 1st December 2016 – examining the evidence base around children’s oral health promotion
- 26th January 2017 – A dentists perspective on children’s oral health
- Between now and January 2017 - visits to oral health promotion team to be arranged

4. Recommendation

4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the content of the presentation by NHS England and to provide comments on the information provided.

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Progress of the Review

Stage 1

The scope, purpose and intended outputs of the Review should firstly be agreed by the Cabinet and relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The recommendations of Advisory Groups may also be considered if appropriate.

Proposal

- 16th June 2016 – Scoping report to OSC.

Stage 2

Evidence may be gathered by the OSC making visits as necessary or inviting persons and organisations to give evidence before it. Relevant Group or Strategic Directors and the Chief Executive will assist the OSC as necessary. The evidence gathered by OSC will be written up by officers.

Proposal

- 8th September 2016 – prevalence of problems (what does the data tell us), measures and indicators, the national policy context, factors shaping and influencing children's oral health.
- 20th October 2016 – evidence from partners, access to services and current patterns of commissioning and service delivery, prevention and evidence from partners in the NHS, Public Health England, and Local Dental Committee.
- 1st December 2016 – examining the evidence base around children's oral health promotion.
- 26th January 2017 – a dentists perspective on children's oral health.
- Visits – OSC will be invited to visit The Oral Health Promotion Team which is based within the Community Dental Service provided by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust. They have Oral Health programmes running in a variety of settings such as mainstream schools with high rates of decay, special schools, vulnerable groups (e.g. Looked After Children). They also support national campaigns such as National Smile Month and provide training to Health Visitors, school nurses and

voluntary organisations. Visit to be scheduled between 9 September 2016 and 20 January 2017.

Stage 3

- 2nd March 2017 - The OSC will then meet to consider an interim report prepared by the Lead Officers and to analyse the evidence presented and the information gathered and to prepare its conclusions.

Stage 4

- 6th April 2017 - Officers will then prepare a report on the issue based on the views of the OSC. Officers will submit this report to the OSC to secure agreement that the report is a fair, accurate and complete reflection of the OSC's conclusions.

Stage 5

- The Chair of the OSC will then present this report to the Cabinet. The Cabinet may take note of the report, approve all or some of the report's recommendations or refer the report to full Council or to an Advisory Group for further consultation. Date (subject to confirmation).