

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. Progress to date (recap)

- 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 A presentation was given by NHS England in October 2016 which clarified the commissioning responsibilities that are in place across the whole system of NHS dental health care provision, and outlined the NHS England, Primary Dental Care commissioned service provision that is currently in place for Gateshead families, children and young people.
- 1.3 In December 2016 the Committee received a report and presentation on key responsibilities, key policy drivers and commissioning principles to be applied in relation to local authorities' responsibilities for improving the oral health of children and young people

2. Next stage of review

- 2.1 The next stage of the review is to receive two presentations today. The first presentation will be from a local dentist and the second from the oral health promotion team and community dental services.
- 2.2 The first presentation will be given by Shiv Pabary who runs a local dental practice in Leam Lane and is also a dental advisor for NHS England regional team. Shiv will give a perspective on running a local dental practice including the issues and challenges for dentists, children, young people and their families.
- 2.3 The second presentation will be given Joanne Purvis and Marie Holland from the Community Dental Service provided by South Tyneside Foundation Trust. The service provides a full range of dental treatment for patients of all ages who have difficulty in accessing general dental services (high street/family practice). They also carry out oral health promotion and epidemiology work. The presentation will detail the different levels of provision and work undertaken by the service.

3. Next stages of the review

- 3.1 The next stages of the review are as follows:
 - 2 March 2017 – OSC to consider interim report prepared by lead officers and analyse the evidence presented and the information gathered and to prepare its conclusions.
 - 6 April 2017 – OSC to receive final report to secure agreement that the report is a fair, accurate and complete reflection of the OSC's conclusions
 - Chair of OSC to present report to Cabinet - date subject to confirmation

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of the presentations and to provide comments on the information provided.

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