

28 March 2023

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

NHS DENTAL SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a detailed briefing from NHS England representatives in respect of NHS Dental Services in Nottinghamshire, particularly in respect of access to services.

Information

2. The Committee identified NHS Dental Services as an item for consideration at its first meeting in 2022-2023. Committee members highlighted general access to NHS dental services for new patients, and particularly young children, as a key concern. It did not prove possible to consider the item at the Committee's January 2023 meeting, and so the item scheduled at the next available opportunity.
3. The attached comprehensive briefing document from NHS England covers strategic commissioning arrangements, an overview of general and specialist NHS dental services and charges in Nottinghamshire, the impact of and recovery from the pandemic, access, and service restoration initiatives. An assessment of Nottinghamshire's oral health profile is also provided.
4. The following representatives will be in attendance to present the information and to respond to questions: Caroline Goulding, Head of Primary Care Commissioning, East Midlands; Adam Morby, Regional Chief Dentist, Jane Green, Programme Manager, Pharmacy, Optometry and Dental East Midlands; and Claire Hames, Commissioning Manager, East Midlands. To ensure best use of the Committee's time, the intention is to keep the discussion at service level. However, if members have concerns about individual dental practices please forward these to Democratic Services in advance of the meeting so that these can be addressed separately.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) consider and comment on the information provided; and
- 2) determine whether any further information was required for the Committee's consideration.

Councillor Sue Saddington
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All