

Draft Remit

Access to Dental Services in York Health Scrutiny Committee

Aim

To determine whether the provision of dental services is effective and to determine whether patients can get the treatment they need when they need it.

Key Objectives

- i. To examine patient experience of dental service provision.
- ii. To examine and understand the system of 'Units of Dental Activity' (UDA) and determine:
 - How the units are allocated (per capita, number of dentists within the practice or by some other means).
 - Whether this system is effective in ensuring that there are sufficient units to maintain the service throughout the period for which they are allocated, so that patients can receive treatment.
- iii. To examine if there are any alternative ways in which to ensure patients receive the treatment they require when they require it.
- iv. To examine whether missed appointments have an impact on service provision and if so the severity of this impact.