

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Dental Services in York

Summary

1. This report is to introduce Amanda Brown, Assistant Director of Commissioning and Service Development (Primary Care) at North Yorkshire and York PCT, who will update members on the provision of NHS dental services in York.

Background

2. During 2006/7 this Committee received regular updates on the numbers of people on the waiting list for allocation to an NHS dentist in York and the numbers who had been allocated since the last update.
3. There were also concerns from members about allegations that some dental practices had been forced to cease offering treatment as they had used up their agreed units of dental activity before the end of the financial year.
4. Members had agreed at the time to keep a watching brief on the numbers of allocations to dental practices, and also to ask for an update on the situation regarding the use of units of dental activity and how this can affect patients.

Consultation

5. This item is part of the ongoing consultation between members and colleagues from the Health Trusts.

Options

6. Members may decide if they wish to receive further updates on dental services and in what format.

Analysis

7. Although receiving regular updates is invaluable in keeping Members informed of progress regarding developments in dental services, Members may wish to consider how they can enhance their planned work in relation to the PCT's Exception Panel and the effectiveness of alternative care pathways more specifically.

Corporate Priorities

8. Relevant to Corporate Priority 6 – Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to receive the updates on dentistry from the representatives of the PCT.
12. Members are asked to request a further written update on dental provision in York in approximately 9 months time.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



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Annexes None

Background Papers None