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DENTAL SERVICES IN PETERBOROUGH
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R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
It is recommended that the Health Scrutiny Committee note the contents of this report for information

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report has been produced at the request of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report has been produced at the request of the Health Scrutiny Committee following the release of a stakeholder briefing detailing the plans to re-procure dental out of hours services in Peterborough.

2.2 This report is for the Health Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council - Scrutiny of the NHS and NHS providers.

3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

3.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee has requested details of the current dental services provision in Peterborough including out of hours provision.

3.2 Out of Hours Provision

Dental out of hour's provision is currently delivered in Peterborough by the provider, Cambridge Community Services and are delivered from the Peterborough Dental Access Centre at 5 Midgate, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE1 1TN. The out of hours service is available Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.

The current Personal Dental Service (PDS) Agreement in place with Cambridge Community Services is due to expire on 31st March 2019. NHS England is currently reviewing the dental out of hours services delivered across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney. This review will lead to the re-procurement of these services and further details of this procurement will be provided in due course.

As part of the review of the current services, there will be a period of engagement with patients and the public to inform the development of the service specification. Activity monitoring will also be undertaken and current providers will be asked to supply views on how the current service may be improved.

3.3 In Hours Provision

In hours dental care is commissioned across the Cambridge and Peterborough CCG area. This includes both routine and urgent dental care delivered by general dental practices and urgent care by the dental access centre. Access issues have been identified in the Peterborough area, with some patients struggling to access both routine and urgent dental care. NHS England has recently put additional capacity in place for urgent care at the dental access centre and is in the final stages of putting some additional routine and urgent care in place with a small number of dental practices in the Peterborough area. This additional capacity will be in place prior to Christmas. The situation will continue to be monitored in the coming months.

4. **CONSULTATION**

4.1 Further stakeholder briefings will be provided at key stages of the review and procurement.

5. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

5.1 Following the review and re-procurement of services, patients will continue to be able to access urgent dental treatment, where considered clinically necessary, outside of core hours for dental practices, including weekends and bank holidays.

6. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 There are no recommendations put forward in this report.