

Provision & Access to NHS Dentistry in Stockport

Report To (Meeting):	ONE Stockport Health and Care Board		
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Date:	18/10/2023	Agenda Item No:	13
Previously Considered by:	This is an update to the Report presented to ONE Stockport Health and Care Board in April 2023. Also considered by ONE Stockport Health and Care Executive Group on 4 October 2023.		

Purpose of the report:
<p>This paper provides an update on the provision of, and access to, NHS Primary, Secondary, and Community Dental services and delivery of Oral Health Improvement activity across Greater Manchester and specifically Stockport.</p> <p>It will highlight the actions taken to address health inequalities and to improve access to dental services to ensure patients are able to receive dental care and oral health improvement in a safe way</p>
Key points (Executive Summary):
<p>The GM Dental Commissioning Team working with the Dental Provider Board, the Consultant in Dental Public Health and the Local Dental Network Chair, are co-developing and implementing an action plan to recover dental services across the whole system. This will be delivered via the Primary Care Blueprint.</p> <p>The plan standardises the approach for all dental services and supports opportunities at locality-level for actions to meet local population needs that reduce oral health inequalities. The purpose of the plan is to reduce oral health inequalities and improve dental access by ensuring patients can receive care at the right time, in the right setting and reduce wait times. Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population oral health needs assessment • Continued development of digital with an e-referral management system to support clinical triage to direct referrals to the right setting at the right time, including referrals from non-dental professionals • Workforce and training for healthcare professionals • Increase Dental Access <p>An NHS priority is the restoration of all services to pre-pandemic levels and action is agreed to address the backlog of patients following the COVID-19 pandemic for Specialist Dental Hospital and also specialist dental services delivered within secondary care. Activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-develop e-referral management system with robust clinical triage to direct referrals to the right setting at the right time, including referrals from non-dental professionals with potential use of virtual consultations • Workforce and training for healthcare professionals

More targeted work is outlined in the report regarding addressing inequalities through access to NHS Dental Services for specific or vulnerable groups or cohorts.

Recommendation:

The Board are asked to:

NOTE the update on the provision of, and access to, NHS Primary, Secondary, and Community Dental services and delivery of Oral Health Improvement activity across Greater Manchester and specifically Stockport.

Decision		Discuss/Direction		Information/Assurance	
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Aims		(please indicate x)	
Which integrated care aim(s) is / are supported by this report:	People are happier and healthier and inequalities are reduced		x
	There are safe, high-quality services which make best use of the Stockport pound		x
	Everyone takes responsibility for their health with the right support		x
	We support local social and economic development together		

Conflicts of Interests	
Potential Conflicts of Interest:	None

Risk and Assurance:	
List all strategic and high-level risks relevant to this paper	

Consultation and Engagement:	
Local People / Patient Engagement:	All Greater Manchester Local Dental Committee (LDC) Chairs have committed to engaging with local Healthwatch Officers to ensure that there is clear communication and understanding of any issues that are highlighted by clients. LDC Chairs have agreed to attend local Healthwatch meetings, and it has been agreed that a Healthwatch representative from GM is invited to attend the Dental Provider Board to provide a report on behalf of the 10 Healthwatch organisations.
Workforce Engagement:	

Potential Implications:			
Financial Impact: Please note - All reports with a financial implication require detail of the level of funding, funding stream and comments from Finance.	Non-Recurrent Expenditure	£	
	Recurrent Expenditure (please state annual cost)	£	
	Funding stream	Yes	No
	Included in the s75 Pooled Budget		
	GM ICB (Stockport) delegated budget		
	Other, please specify:		
Finance Comments:			

