

### Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Action Tracker

Date of meeting	Minute No.	Action	Comments
07/11/24	23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board notes the contents of the submitted report;</li> <li>2. that the Clerk be requested to organise visits to the Jack Sears unit for the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Members; and</li> <li>3. that the Divisional Director for Adult Services be requested to organise for an Employment and Skills Board representative to be invited to attend a future meeting with Domiciliary Care providers.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete</li> <li>2. Complete – visit held on 30 January 2025.</li> <li>3. Awaiting update</li> </ol>
07/11/24	21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub Board notes the contents of the submitted report;</li> <li>2. that the Senior Commissioning Manager (Pharmacy, Optometry and Dental) NHS Devon Integrated Care Board (ICB) be requested to provide an update to the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board on waiting list information and how many and for how long people are on waiting lists</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete</li> <li>2. There are some planned changes due to take place with the Dental helpline for Devon. The dental helpline is a service where local people can register centrally for assistance in finding an NHS dentist. This register is often referred to as a waiting list, but the data is not clinically validated and people no longer needing an NHS dentist may remain registered with the helpline. The list also includes patients who may already have a dentist but want to change, or those currently seeking an appointment with an NHS dentist. In addition to this not all patients who require an NHS dentist will be aware that there is a list. Therefore the register cannot be used to provide the number of people waiting for an NHS dentist in Torbay or how long the wait is.</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. that ICB colleagues be requested to provide regular updates to the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board on workforce</p>	<p>NHS Devon is considering longer term options for people currently on the list.</p> <p>Patients are not registered with a dental practice the same way they are registered with a GP practice. Dental practices are contracted to deliver activity and are obliged to only deliver a course of treatment to an individual, regardless of where they live, and not to deliver ongoing regular care. Therefore, even if patients are allocated to a particular dental practice, there is no obligation for a practice to retain them.</p> <p>Our priority is to address access issues to enable patients to find a dentist – NHS Devon will continue to provide stakeholder briefings on this via our <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>The signposting advice for people who need support accessing a dentist will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you need urgent dental care, contact 111</li> <li>• To find an NHS dentist taking on new patients, visit the NHS webpage <a href="#">Find a Dentist</a></li> <li>• Dental practices are independent businesses, often providing a combination of NHS and private dentistry. Patients are not registered with a dentist in the same way they are with a GP, and individuals can access services at a dental practice located in any area if the practice is accepting new patients.</li> </ul> <p>3. NHS Devon is establishing a Devon Dental Workforce Working Group to focus on the workforce challenges for NHS dentistry; to include training, career promotion, incentives etc and to agree a priority workplan. This is now being set up and will include representatives from the Local Dental Committee in this meeting.</p>

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		<p>planning and new dentists coming to work in Torbay;</p> <p>4. that the Director Public Health be requested provide information on key areas that Members could allocate their Member Ward Funds to and information on key areas that Members can share with their constituents and for them to encourage vulnerable people to engage with the three Family hubs around oral health promotion;</p> <p>5. that an annual update on Dentistry Access and Oral Health Promotion is added to the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Work Programme; and</p>	<p>NHS Devon has had 1 applicant from the Torbay area apply for our dental recruitment incentive scheme, which was awarded “golden hello” funding for one full-time dentist. The practice is yet to successfully recruit.</p> <p>4. Working with Communications department to promote through Members briefings.</p> <p>5. Added to the work programme for 25/26.</p>