

## Health Select Committee

**Date:** 23 March 2006

**Review Title:** NHS Dentistry provision in Stockton Borough

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<b>1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</b>	
<b>2. What are the main issues?</b> There are no NHS dentists within the Stockton Borough that are currently accepting new patients and two practices have recently withdrawn from, or reduced provision of services within the NHS.	
<b>3. The Thematic Select Committee's overall AIM in doing this work is:</b> To explore if alternative ways can be found to provide affordable dentistry in the borough.	
<b>4. The main OBJECTIVES are:</b> Examine the changes to NHS dentistry introduced from 1 April 2006. Explore dentist provision elsewhere.	
<b>5. The possible OUTPUTS (changes in service delivery) are:</b> Increase availability of NHS dentistry provision and improve access to services.	
<b>6. The desirable OUTCOMES (benefits to the community) are:</b> The continuation of preventative dental care especially for people on low income or elderly people on low, fixed incomes.	
<b>7. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic?</b> Has the opportunity of involving all interested parties to formulate innovative approaches to address this issue.	
<b>8. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work?</b> Dentists. Health Commissioners. NHS. Central Government	
<b>9. Duration of enquiry?</b> 3-4 months	
<b>10. What category does the review fall into?</b>	
<b>Policy Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Policy Development</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>External Partnership</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Performance Management</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Holding Executive to Account</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>11. Extra Resources needed? Who is the nominated Democratic Services Officer?</b> DSO – Tanya Harrison	

**12. What secondary/existing information do we need? (include here background information, existing reports, updated reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)**

NHS Dentist contracts.

**13. What primary/new evidence/information do we need?**

To be identified.

**14. In what form do you want this evidence/information to be presented? (short presentation, executive summary, e-mail brief)**

Presentations / briefing reports.

**15. Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)**

Dentists, general public. Local Dental Committee, Tees Dental Advisors, Consultant in Dental Public Health, CD&TV SHA, Dental Member of the North Tees PCT Professional Executive Committee.

**16. What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence? (for exact questioning framework, see form ?)**

To be determined.

**17. Where will evidence be taken and how?**

Committee meetings – discussions with witnesses.

**18. Would the investigation benefit from the co-option of an 'expert' or service user, for the duration of the major review? If so, who?**

Not identified.

**19. What other processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, written questionnaire, etc.)**

Questionnaires.

**20. How long will the review last? Are there specific time limits that need to be taken into consideration?**

3-4 months

**21. In what ways can we involve the public and at what stages? (consider whole range of consultative mechanisms, local committees and local ward mechanisms)**

Press release (beginning and end of review)

**22. How will tasks be divided between Members/Officers? (Please give name of each member or officer or other stakeholder when detailing each task)**

Members – to question witnesses and agree report and recommendations

Scrutiny Officer – to co-ordinate the review, provide independent research and develop briefing papers and final report.

**23. How will we monitor progress and measure the success of the review?**

Project plan to monitor progress of review. Success of review to be determined by monitoring report 9-12 months after completing the review.

## Project Plan Proforma

<b>Scrutiny Chair/Project Manager</b>		<b>Contact Details</b>	
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<b>Departmental Link Officer</b>		<b>Contact Details</b>	
KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	TIMESCALES	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Scoping of Review</b>			
Agree Project Plan			
<b>Obtaining Evidence:</b>			
Written evidence			
Oral Evidence			
Other type of evidence (e.g. questionnaire, focus group, public meeting)			
Publicity of Review			
Analysis of evidence/information			
Members decide recommendations and findings			

Initial considerations of draft report.		<b>Circulate draft report to Members for consideration.</b>	
<b>KEY TASK</b>	<b>DETAILS/ACTIVITES</b>	<b>TIMESCALES</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Final agreement of draft report			
Circulate draft report to stakeholders & appropriate Cabinet Members			
Final agreement			<b>All Members of the Committee</b>
Report to Cabinet	<b>Present final report with recommendations and findings</b>		