

Appendix 3

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Dental Update – July 2009

Current Developments

As part of a procurement exercise a new dental service will be provided in Central Stockton and should be ready to take on new patients in October 2009.

In parallel to the procurement exercise additional dental activity (UDA'S) has been requested from Dental Practices in order to make recurring investment in dental services and apportion the dental growth. Each application was considered against an allocation process and investment made to increase local dental activity. A number of dental practices have received additional capacity and should be able to improve access locally and impact on the number of practices accepting new patients.

Next Steps

The Fairfield scheme is now subject to a new procurement exercise. A bidder event and open day at the Fairfield site was held recently and there was good interest from dental providers. The aim is to have the service commencing in January 2010.

When the new scheme in Central Stockton has confirmed its opening date there will be a communications update along with the promotion of dental services for Stockton.

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