

Appendix 1 - Progress Update – Review of Dentistry

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1	The Committee recommends that target areas and patient groups with an identified need are priority groups requiring access to the mobile dental facility purchased by the PCT. Particular consideration should be given to areas of high density of elderly people especially where NHS provision has been removed or locations of nursing care homes.	Consultant in Dental Public Health	01/03/2008 December 2009	The mobile unit is not currently being used for the fluoride varnish scheme which was implemented in schools because of difficulties relating to access for school groups and electricity supplies. The mobile unit is however being used in Kirklevington prison to the dental needs of this client group. A procurement exercise has just been completed in the PCT with a new practice commissioned to provide services in central Stockton to provide additional capacity. The new practice will provisionally open in June 09. A further procurement exercise is required as not all the scheme expansion plans were successful and a timetable is being developed in line with procurement rules. Additional dental capacity has also been agreed with some dentists and the apportionment process was based on a range of criteria including targeting access.	2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.	A procurement exercise has been completed in the PCT with a new practice commissioned to provide services in central Stockton to provide additional capacity. The new practice will be open in October 09. A further procurement exercise is underway and will develop the dental practice at Fairfield – expected to be operational in December 2009.	2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.

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2	The Committee recommends that the North East Strategic Health Authority undertake consultation in Stockton Borough in the financial year 2007-8 to determine the level of local support for the introduction of fluoridation to the borough's water supply.	NE SHA	Mar-08	The North East SHA were awaiting the result of the consultation process in Southampton. The Board of South Central Strategic Health Authority (SCSHA), decided on 26 February 2009 to instruct Southern Water to fluoridate the local water supply. There is an expectation that a request for a judicial review will be made by anti-fluoridationists. NHS North East will await a decision of any application for a judicial review before considering undertaking a consultation in the North East.	4 - Not Achieved	An application for a judicial review has been made against the South Central SHA's decision to fluoridate their water supplies. The NE SHA will need to await the outcome of this process before proceeding with a consultation in the North East	3 - Slipped
3	The Committee recommends that North Tees PCT, where appropriate, address the balance between the provision of treatment and prevention services, particularly initiatives that optimise children's' exposure to fluorides.	Consultant in Dental Public Health	Mar-08	The 12 targeted schools have implemented a fluoride varnish programme in 08. A school tooth brushing programme has also been implemented for nursery and reception children in 08/09. The 40% of schools with the worst oral health were targeted for the tooth brushing programme.	2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.	Eleven North Tees Practices have now signed up to the Oral Health Promoting Practice scheme. An evaluation of the scheme is currently underway: patient evaluations and a practice audit to ensure the standards in the scheme are being met before the practice is awarded accreditation. Initial results show the scheme has been well received by patients and practices alike. The Brushing for life scheme is	1 - Achieved

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						continuing. A home visiting scheme in collaboration with Children's centres has been implemented and is now in the evaluation phase.	
4	Before the academic year 2007-08 the Committee recommends that the Stockton-on-Tees Children's Trust, with North Tees PCT maximise the uptake of school dental screening and dental surveys by incorporating dental consent within the health consent forms used at the beginning of childrens' school careers	Children's Trust/Community Dental Service	Sep-07	Eleven North Tees Practices have now signed up to the Oral Health Promoting Practice scheme. An evaluation of the scheme is currently underway: patient evaluations and a practice audit to ensure the standards in the scheme are being met before the practice is awarded accreditation. Initial results show the scheme has been well received by patients and practices alike. The Brushing for life scheme is continuing. A home visiting scheme in collaboration with Children's centres has been implemented and is now in the evaluation phase.			1 - Achieved
5	The Committee recommends that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council assist the PCT to publicise issues about NHS dentistry through its publications, in particular Stockton News which is	PCT and Council Press/Publicity Sections	Apr-08 October 09	There has been a conscious decision not to progress the publicising of Stockton dental services until the additional dental capacity has been procured. We have plans for a communications strategy that will include Stockton News, Evening Gazette and local information to Stockton	3 Slipped	A single point of contact to direct patients who want a dentist has been set up on Tees to ease finding a dentist. The communications plan is anticipated to commence in September/ October in line with the new dental service	2 – Not on track but not yet due for completion

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	delivered to every house in the borough.			residents. This will mirror some local publicity that has been undertaken by Middlesbrough PCT. This campaign has been positively received locally and has "demystified" some of the concerns about access, fees etc. This campaign has meant that uptake of Dental Services across Tees has increased even though this was a Middlesbrough targeted initiative.		being developed in Stockton Central	
6	The Committee is aware that the Council has relationships with many and various community and voluntary groups. It is recommended that Council officers with links to such groups provide the Head of Primary Care, North Tees PCT with contact information to target those groups in order to publicise dentistry issues.		Apr-08 January 2010	Various Representatives have attended the LINKs meeting to discuss the plans for dental procurement. The PCT commissioned research around people's views and perceptions of services and this has helped inform the dental procurement and will shape the communications strategy. For example people identified concerns about fees which has been included in any promotional literature. A service prospectus is being commissioned which will help provide an overview of primary, acute and independant contractors including dental services which will support the range of information that is available	2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.	The Oral Health Advisory Group are in the process of drafting a communications strategy that will make recommendations on how to improve engagement and communication with all stakeholders. The Oral Health and Commissioning Primary Care Dental Services Strategy has been approved by the PCT Board and will be disseminated to partners including LINKs.	2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.

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				to patients.			
8	The Committee recommends that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Integrated Transport Environmental Policy Unit provide the Committee with an accessibility map to identify available bus transport to dental practices in the borough.	Mike Robinson	Apr-07	The mapping exercise has been recommissioned via the Tees Valley Joint Strategic Unit and will support any promotions campaigns. It is planned that this information can be used by dental practices in any Practice Literature and help inform any capacity planning.	3 - Slipped	The Tees Valley Joint Strategic Unit have produced this information and this will support future needs assessments any promotions campaigns.	1 - Achieved