

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

28 February 2023

Rapid Scrutiny Exercise: NHS Dental Services in Wiltshire

Purpose

1. To present an outline proposal for a Rapid Scrutiny Exercise looking at NHS Dental Services in Wiltshire.

Background

2. The Committee agreed, at their meeting in January 2023, to request an update on the current provision of NHS Dental Services in Wiltshire. Responsibility for dental services in Wiltshire will be transferred from NHSE to the Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board in April 2023.
3. It would be helpful for the Committee to understand service levels before this transfer in order to plan future scrutiny of service development and improvements.
4. The proposal is to carry out a rapid scrutiny exercise before the transfer takes place, and findings of the exercise reported to the Health Select Committee on 8 June 2023.

Proposed Terms of Reference for the Rapid Scrutiny Exercise

5. To investigate how NHS dental services are delivered in Wiltshire to include the following:
 - The current availability of NHS dental services for Wiltshire residents.
 - The extent to which the service is meeting the needs of Wiltshire residents
 - Identification of any gaps in service
6. In light of these findings, to consider appropriate future scrutiny of NHS dental services in Wiltshire.

Evidence

7. The Rapid Scrutiny Exercise may want to consider evidence from
 - Commissioning bodies
 - Dental practitioners
 - Organisations representing patient interests.

Proposal

8. Health Select Committee to establish a rapid scrutiny exercise as set out in the report.

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