

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SCOPING PAPER FOR DENTISTRY IN NORTH OF DEVON

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1 Scope

A brief description of the scope of the work to be undertaken and the objectives to be achieved. Also, for clarity identify areas that are outside the scope

- To identify the level of NHS and private dentistry provision in Northern Devon (ND).
- To establish the level of unmet demand for dentistry and its consequences.
- To publicise any difference and lobby for any necessary mitigating action.

2 Information requirements

List below the initial information that is expected to be needed for the review

- Number of dentist practices and number of dentists in ND.
- Number of patients registered with practices.
- Number of potential patients on waiting lists.
- An indication of the number of patients neither registered nor on a waiting list.
- Impact of any shortage dental care on other parts of the health service.

3 Witnesses and support

List below any external organisations, officers, & others required to provide evidence and support for the review

- Local dentists.
- One Devon (the integrated care system for Devon).
- British Dental Association.
- Patients groups???

4 Quantified benefits expected

The benefits you expect, expressed in measurable terms

- A detailed report quantifying the strengths and weaknesses of dental care in ND and its impact on the health of the public.
- Greater public understanding of the situation.

5 Key risks

The key risks to the review e.g. why the work might not be completed within the proposed timescales, or why it might not produce the benefits

- Reluctance of some parties to participate.

6 Costs

Work is undertaken within existing resources and therefore no additional costs are expected, but there might be an exception

- None.

7 Timescales

A summary of the key dates and a target date for completion

- Send the final version of this scoping paper to Member Services – 29/8/23
- Scoping paper agreed – 14/9/23
- Meeting with the invited experts –

SUGGESTED READING LIST

House of Commons Library: Dentistry in England, April 2023

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9597/CBP-9597.pdf>

Full Fact, various dates

<https://fullfact.org/search/?q=dentists#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=dentists&gsc.page=1>

BBC research: “Full extent of NHS dentistry shortage revealed by far-reaching BB research”, August 2022

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-62253893?utm_term=64c0b40a2962117dfe77fcdf3d7c41e3&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email

UK Parliament, Health & Social Care Committee report “Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care”, paras 106-108, July 2022

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmhealth/115/report.html>

British Dental Association. Unfit for purpose: Health Committee slams contract fuelling crisis in NHS dentistry, July 2022

<https://bda.org/news-centre/press-releases/Pages/Unfit-for-purpose-Health-Committee-slams-contract-fuelling-crisis-in-NHS-dentistry.aspx>

Dentistry in England. National Audit Office, February 2020.

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