

Oxfordshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

11 May 2023

Draft Wording of Actions Relating to Dentistry

At its previous meeting on 20 April, the Committee made the following recommendation as part of its item on access to dentistry:

1) Recommendation to NHSE and the Integrated Care Board:

To collaborate with the Place Based Partnership, Public Health and providers with view to creating a base line dentistry data set that will mean local improvements to poor dental health of residents can be achieved and clearly communicated.

In addition, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Secretary of State with suggestions on how local dental outcomes might be improved. The wording of this action was agreed to be deferred for consideration at the 11 May meeting.

To facilitate the actions, the committee is asked to **AGREE** the following:

That the Committee:

- 1) Delegates to the Chair in consultation with the vice Chair and Scrutiny Manager the drafting of a letter to the Secretary of State to:
 - a) Provide local evidence concerning access to and the affordability of dentistry
 - b) Identify the feedback provided on barriers and enablers, to include tackling delays in new dental trainees registering for NHS practice, further reform necessary to the NHS Dental Contract to enable prevention work supporting Public Health, and enabling local systems to deliver the improvements needed for Oxfordshire residents.
 - c) State the committee's recognition of the clinical benefit for oral health of fluoridation of drinking water in the county, recommending that the Secretary of State undertake a consultation to determine the level of local support or opposition to the fluoridation of the county's drinking water.
- 2) Agrees that a copy of the draft letter be sent to Leaders and Chief Executives of the District, City and County Councils in Oxfordshire.