

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
17 November 2022**

NHS and Community Dental Services

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1. Purpose

1.1 To explore issues relating to access to NHS and Community Dental Services in the City.

2. Action required

1.1 The Committee is asked whether:

- a) it wishes to make any comments or recommendations; and
- b) any further scrutiny is required, and if so the focus and timescales.

3. Background information

3.1 Following anecdotal reports of difficulties in accessing dental services in the City, the Committee wanted to explore current access to NHS dental services, including recovery from the Covid pandemic. NHS England currently commissions all NHS dental services but local responsibility will be delegated to the Integrated Care Board from April 2023.

3.2 NHS England, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board and the Council's Public Health Team have submitted a paper outlining information about the provision of, and access to NHS and Community Dental Services, including current provision of dental services in the City, impact of the Covid pandemic on provision and access and restoration and recovery of services and oral health. Representatives from those organisations will be attended the meeting to discuss this with the Committee.

4. List of attached information

4.1 Paper prepared and submitted by NHSE Commissioning Team Senior Managers, NHSE Consultant in Dental Public Health and Public Health colleagues at Nottingham City Council.

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None

7. Wards affected

7.1 All

8. Contact information

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