

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 23 January 2017

Subject: Scrutiny of Access to NHS Dental Services

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. Currently, accessing routine NHS dental services is difficult for some people in West Yorkshire, particularly in Bradford and north Kirklees areas. NHS England also report that demand for unscheduled dental care (UDC) in West Yorkshire is rising year on year, an indication that an increasing number of people have to access emergency dental services because they can't get registered with an NHS dentist. This has resulted in a UDC overspend of £1.5m across West Yorkshire (2014/15). UDC services are due to be re-contracted in 2017 ¹.
2. At its previous meeting, the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (WY JHOSC) agreed to include 'Access to NHS Dental Services' as part of its forward plan.
3. Draft Terms of Reference for this specific scrutiny activity are appended to this report for consideration and agreement.

Recommendations

4. That, subject to any identified amendments, the Joint Committee considers and agrees the draft Terms of Reference for in relation to Access to NHS Dental Services.

Background documents²

¹ Report of NHS England – North (Yorkshire and Humber) to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 06 October 2016: Dental Commissioning Update <https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s11059/Hlt6OctDocM.pdf>

² The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include

5. None.