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Subject: Item 4. Intended Outcomes: Dentistry.

1. Background

(1) In previous discussions that the Committee has had about different ways to restructure and refocus the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one of the recurring themes has been that the Committee's meetings should be more focused on the outcomes it would like to achieve. Another has been the need to make the work of the Committee more accessible to members of the public.

(2) This paper is intended to be a way to progress towards achieving these twin aims for this topic. Two sets of questions are set out below, both of which the meeting will look to having answered by the end of the meeting: one for members of the public and the other for the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Outcomes for the Dentistry Agenda Item

(1). Public Question

- a) How can I access NHS dentistry and be certain I will receive quality treatment?

(2). Scrutiny Questions

- a) Are the Primary Care Trusts commissioning sufficient dental provision to meet the needs of their resident populations?
- b) Is the care being provided of an appropriate quality?
- c) What can be done to improve dental service provision in Kent?

3. Recommendations

(1) The Committee is asked to assess whether the outcomes in section 2 above have been achieved or if further information on this topic is required by the Committee.