

Primary Care Commissioning  
NHS England South East (Kent, Surrey &  
Sussex)

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Dear Colleague,

### **Re: General dental services procurement**

We would welcome your thoughts and feedback on the proposed procurement of some new contracts to provide general dental services in Kent.

NHS England is responsible for buying general dental services. Funding for these is set for existing contracts with no additional funding available.

Some dentists in the Kent, Surrey and Sussex areas have recently ended their contracts. We have also identified some underperforming contracts and are working to release funding from these contracts, as well as using funding where contracts have ended, to procure additional dental services in the areas of greatest need.

Working with Public Health England, we have carried out a dental needs assessment to identify where there is the greatest need for general dental services. We have used this information to develop proposals for new contracts to be procured in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Contracts provide a number of 'units of dental activity' or UDAs with 21,000 UDAs representing a full contract. In some areas we are planning to procure additional UDAs which will not constitute a full contract but would equate to part of a standard contract, this might be delivered on a part-time basis or as an addition to an existing contract.

Please see attached the locations and size of contracts which we are proposing to commission in Kent as well as a summary of the dental needs assessment.

The contracts commissioned will be in addition to current services with no changes planned to existing dental provision. The procurement will take place on a rolling basis with the first of these new contracts starting from April 2020.



We would like to hear your views about the proposed locations of the services as well as any other feedback you have. In particular we would like views on whether you would prefer a contract for Thanet to be based in Ramsgate or Margate and any reasons behind this.

Please could you let us have any feedback at [england.southeastdental@nhs.net](mailto:england.southeastdental@nhs.net) by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

If you have any questions or would like any further information about the procurement, please contact our local dental team on the above email address.

Yours sincerely

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**Sarah Macdonald**

**Director of Primary Care and Public Health Commissioning**

**NHS England and NHS Improvement South East**

## Appendix A

### Kent general dental services procurement proposed lots

<b>Location</b>	<b>Contract size (units of dental activity)</b>
Canterbury	7,000
Dartford, Fleet Downs Ward	21,000
Aylesham	7,000
Deal	3,500
Dover	7,000
Sandwich	7,000
Sevenoaks, TN13 3PG	21,000
Sevenoaks town centre	3,500
Sevenoaks town centre	3,500
Faversham	21,000
Faversham	3,500
Minster	21,000
Sheerness	7,000
Sittingbourne	7,000
Ramsgate or Margate	21,000