

## Item 11: Re-commissioning of Special Care Adult and Paediatric Dental Services

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Subject: Re-Commissioning of Special Care Adult and Paediatric Dental Services  
(written update)

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS England/ NHS Improvement South East.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

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### 1) Introduction

- a) Special Care Adult and Paediatric Dental Services, often referred to as Community Dental Services, include a range of dental services for those unable to get to their dental practice because of a disability or medical condition.
- b) NHS England South East is responsible for commissioning the service locally.

### 2) Re-commissioning of service

- a) The current contract covering the South East is due to end on 31 March 2021, and NHS England South East have therefore begun the re-commissioning process.
- b) As well as a needs assessment carried out by Public Health England, the NHS contacted stakeholders during July asking for their feedback on the draft service specification and ran a series of market engagement events.
- c) The papers provided for this meeting will update the Committee on the initial feedback along with any changes to the draft service specification.
- d) Although this is a written update, NHS colleagues would welcome any feedback on what should be considered as part of the procurement. A specific request is also made in the papers from the NHS for any views from Members as to the proposed locations of services (letter dated 4 July 2019).

### 3) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

### Background Documents

None

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