

Title of report: A report by NHS England and NHS Improvement on Dental Provision in Herefordshire as of March 2022.

Meeting: Health and wellbeing board

Meeting date: Monday 28 March 2022

Report by: Democratic Services Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

For the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to consider the report at appendix 1 by the NHS England, NHS Improvement Commissioning Team Managers and Consultants in Public Dental Health.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) **The Health and Wellbeing Board considers the report at Appendix 1 and provides comments and recommendations on the briefing.**

Alternative options

1. It is a function of the HWB to consider briefings from NHS England.
2. The Board could choose not to consider this briefing, however given the importance of the subject matter it is presented to this meeting.

Key considerations

3. NHS England produced the attached report in March 2022. The report is for the HWB to consider and to take account of.
4. Appendix 1 contains the NHS England report in full for the board to consider.

Community impact

5. In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, the council achieves its intended outcomes by providing a mixture of legal, regulatory and practical interventions. Determining the right mix of these is an important strategic choice to make sure outcomes are achieved. The council needs robust decision-making mechanisms to ensure its outcomes can be achieved in a way that provides the best use of resources whilst still enabling efficient and effective operations and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development and review.

Environmental Impact

6. There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report.

Equality duty

7. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
8. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. This is a factual report to be noted by the HWBB, we do not consider that it has an impact on our Equality duty. Our Health providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation.

Resource implications

9. There are no resource implications associated with this report. The resource implications of any recommendations made by the committee will need to be considered by the responsible NHS body or the executive in response to those recommendations or subsequent decisions.

Legal implications

- 10 Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for encouraging integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision.
- 11 Their purpose is to establish collaborative decision making, planning and commissioning across councils and the NHS, informed by the views of patients, people who use services and other partners.
12. The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in paragraph 3.5.24 of the council's constitution.
13. There are no specific implications arising out of this report.

Risk management

13. There are no risk implications identified emerging from the recommendation in this report.

Consultees

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – NHS England NHS Improvement Report to Health and wellbeing board: An update on Dental Provision within the county of Herefordshire.

Background papers

None identified.

Report Reviewers Used for appraising this report:

Governance	Matthew Evans	Date 14/03/2022
Finance	Kim Wratten	Date 15/03/2022
Legal	Alice McAlpine	Date 16/03/2022
Communications	Luenne featherstone	Date 15/03/2022
Equality Duty	Carol Trachonits	Date 16/03/2022
Procurement	Mark Cage	Date 16/03/2022
Risk	Kevin Lloyd	Date 18/03/2022

Approved by	Paul Smith	Date 18/03/2022
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Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

HWBB Health and Wellbeing Board