

## **Response to the Review of Dentistry in Care and Residential Homes.**

Report to Health Scrutiny Committee September 2013

Dentistry: National Background and Local GM Context:

*National:*

*“Securing Excellence in Commissioning NHS dental services” was published by the NHS Commissioning Board in February 2013.*

This document acknowledged that whilst services cannot change overnight, the development of a Local Professional Network for dentistry, with Consultants in Dental Public Health from Public Health England at the heart of it, will provide clinical leadership to support the implementation of wider national primary care strategy, develop local patient engagement, and opportunities to work with the wider community of practitioners and providers to develop real change in how services and programmes are provided for patients and the public.

All NHS dental services are directly commissioned by NHS England (April 2013). Commissioning the totality of dental care gives NHS England the opportunity to better integrate primary and secondary services to provide better care and outcomes for patients. Consultants in Dental Public Health (CsDPH) transferred to Public Health England (PHE) and are co-located with NHS England area teams.

A National Commissioning Board for Dentistry has been established August 2013. A sub-task group of this board (vulnerable people) has also been established and is due to report in January 2014. The CsDPH from GM is a member of the National Board and invited member of the sub task group on vulnerable people.

*Local GM:*

The immediate challenge for NHS England GM Local Area Team was to achieve a safe transfer of all dental services from Primary Care Trusts in April 2013. The initial focus was on maintaining a steady state in the transition period. The PHE Dental Public Health Team are now co-located with GM Area Team and a full time CsDPH (to ensure GM have appropriate CsDPH capacity) is currently out to advert.

Dental Commissioning and Dental Public health leads have been working to establish a GM Local Dental Network (LDN). The LDN is intended to: support the implementation of national strategy and policy at local level, work with key stakeholders on the development and delivery of local priorities and also provide local clinical leadership. The development of dental services locally will be underpinned by local robust needs assessment and will align to NHS England Dental Commissioning Board's values as models and frameworks are tested, refined and published.

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Trafford report:

1. The position of NHS England Area Team in GM has not altered since Claire Yarwood confirmed it to Karen Barclay in an email in May 2013.

13/05/13 To:Karen Barclay CC Abdul Razzaq, Gina Lawrence, Laura Browse, Colette Bridgman

I am writing to confirm that the proposed pilot for Dental Services for residents of elderly care homes in Trafford has not been undertaken to date. My understanding was that there were no funds identified by the PCT to support this proposal during 2011/12 or 2012/13.

The proposal will be re-looked at as part of the Greater Manchester Dental Strategy during 2013/14

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2. The Area Team have appointed a Chair for the Local Professional Network (LPN) for Dentistry and a work plan for 2013/4 is being developed
3. A GM Primary Care Strategy is being developed and the work plan for the dental LPN will include a focus on older people's oral health and services.
4. A qualitative survey of older people is planned for GM this year to compliment the North West survey of managers of services for older people (in hospital wards, care in your home services, nursing and residential homes) which is currently being analysed and will be reported on this year.
5. The University of Manchester Public Health Dentistry team are considering funding a researcher to carry out some focus group sessions using methodology developed with Trafford Social Services. The aim will be to talk with people who are just becoming dependent to understand their thoughts and experiences to influence planning of their future dental care. The survey results and this patient voice should fill the gap in knowledge about health needs, clinical status and what is required for this vulnerable group. It will add local information to the national and regional surveys and inform care pathway design and commissioning of services. Results of both the survey and this research will be shared with LAs via the DsPH.
6. It is proposed that oral health and dentistry have a GM DsPH lead through a formal link to GM PHE CsDPH co-located with GM NHS England Area Team. This is to be raised at the GM DsPH network meeting in September.

Report end. CMB September 2013

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