

Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP)

Scrutiny Monitoring – 30 November 2023

Date	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
19/10/23	OPMH services – Update following engagement	1) That the Panel’s response to the proposals to redesign inpatient older persons mental health services is sent to Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust by the end of week commencing 23 rd October.	Response attached as Appendix 2	Completed
19/10/23	Planning for winter pressures	1) That UHS and the City Council continue to work together to improve performance with regards to delayed discharge and provide a progress report to the Panel in the new year.	Agreed	
		2) That, to enable ongoing oversight, the performance report that is presented at each meeting of the UHS Trust Board is circulated to the Panel.	Agreed	
19/10/23	Dentistry commissioning	1) That, if available, data is provided to the Panel on children accessing NHS dentistry in Southampton.	<p>SCC do not hold data on the number of children accessing NHS Dentistry.</p> <p>However, for information, the NHS website includes NHS Dentists in Southampton and can be filtered according to whether or not they are accepting children. See Dentists near Southampton - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p>	
		2) That support is provided to primary schools to encourage better oral health practises in Southampton.	<p>Our contract with NHS Solent includes some element of support for schools and early years setting – largely supporting organisations signed up to the Healthy Early Years Award (HEYA) or Healthy High 5 (HH5). The NHS Solent Monitoring Report for Jan 2022-Jan 2023 describes their activities to support supervised brushing in 28 early years settings (25 pre-schools and 3 childminders). In Jan 2023 they reported 887 children were brushing daily at these settings. Other activities include loaning out resources (e.g. puppets, models, photos) to pre-schools and schools, delivering oral health</p>	

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			<p>training plus how to refer children into Special Care Dental Service to Foster Carers, Health Visitors, Public Health Nurses (school nurses), Learning Disability teams, Speech and language (SALT).</p>	
		<p>3) That the Administration seeks clarification from the Government with regards to the current policy position relating to water fluoridation and the processes that would need to be followed to enact this measure.</p>	<p>Advice from Consultant in Dental Public Health at NHS England – South East:</p> <p>To move forward, a consensus from elected members is needed on whether they are in favour of introducing the water fluoridation scheme which was consulted on in 2008. That scheme would have gone ahead had SCC not voted against it a few years later after concerted pressure from anti-fluoridation groups. At the time of the consultation, they voted in favour by a significant margin with cross-party support.</p> <p>If there is consensus from Council, then SCC should write to SoS and make the request, mentioning the previous consultation and the work which was done at the time. The next steps would then depend on the response.</p> <p>SCC should also get support from the HIOW ICB and other local stakeholders including patient groups such as Healthwatch, local medical leaders etc. The more the local support, the stronger the case.</p> <p>It may be useful to contact Northumberland where they are planning to extend an existing scheme in the NE and have been having meetings with public attending.</p>	
		<p>4) That it be noted that, as a catalyst to improving dental health outcomes in the city, the Southampton Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel supports calls to reform the existing NHS Dental Contract.</p>		