

NHS England Report for General Dental Services

Cambridgeshire County Council Health and Scrutiny Committee

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Overview of NHS dental provision in Cambridgeshire

There has been no change in NHS dental provision in the Cambridge and Peterborough CCG area.

As reported previously there are 68 contracts providing dental care in the Cambridge area. The contractual mechanism is via 53 General Dental Service (GDS) contracts and 15 Personal Dental Service (PDS) agreements.

58 of the contracts/agreements are for general dental services, including routine care, urgent care and domiciliary care. 10 agreements are for orthodontics (teeth straightening).

The total spends for primary care dental service provision in the Cambridgeshire area in 2018/19 (national uplift to contract values has not yet been applied for the current year) is £30,369,755.34. £26,646,029.60 is spent on general dentistry including access and minor oral surgery and £3,723,725.74 on orthodontics.

Dental providers in Cambridgeshire have been reasonably consistent in delivering their contracted activity over the last three years. The majority of providers have delivered at least 96% of their contracted activity for general dental and orthodontic services. There remain a small number of providers who have not delivered their contracted activity. NHS England is currently working with all dental providers across East who have consistently not been able to deliver their activity and will review the delivery of contracted activity from the current providers, and the provider's ability to deliver activity or additional activity going forward. The review will also determine if additional services will be needed and propose the most effective and efficient way to accomplish this.

Adult patients seen in the previous 24 months and child patients seen in the previous 12 months as a percentage of the population, by patient type and LA

	30 June 2018		
	Adult	Child	Total
England	50.73	58.56	52.40
NHS England Midlands and East (East)	51.69	56.46	52.68
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	45.40	58.48	48.22
Peterborough City Council	44.21	62.60	48.78
Cambridgeshire County Council	46.20	57.24	48.49

Source: NHS Dental Services, NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) – eng – 17-18 annex 2

Current service provision in East

A review is being undertaken by NHS England's Dental Strategy Group around access to routine and urgent dental care, initial focus will be on several areas including parts of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG area.

List of dental practices in Cambridgeshire area are in appendix 1.

Dental access centres

There are a number of Dental Access Centres in East Anglia with services in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG area provided in Peterborough, Cambridge, Huntingdon and Wisbech. The purpose of the Dental Access Centres is to provide urgent dental care (treatment to relieve pain) for patients who do not have access to a regular dentist.

NHS England has been working with the provider of these services, Cambridgeshire Community Services, over a period of time, due to patients having difficulty accessing urgent dental care. As a result, NHS England commissioned £248,912 of additional non recurrent activity from the provider of services at the Dental Access Centre in Peterborough from October 2017 to 31 March 2019 to allow a minimum of an additional 4,158 patients to receive urgent dental care.

A scoping exercise to review dental access centres in East Anglia has been undertaken in last few months. NHS England's Dental Strategy Group is considering the findings of the scoping exercise.

In the first instance, consideration has been given to difficulties patients are having in accessing ongoing dental care and this was discussed at the Dental Strategy Group meeting on 21 November 2018. A paper will be taken to NHS England's Direct Commissioning Oversight Group for the meeting on 30 November for them to consider a pilot of Personal Dental Services Agreements which will, if supported improve access to urgent dental care in areas of high need and allow patients to have further dental treatment to stabilise their oral health.

Secondly, further work will be undertaken regarding the long term future of Dental Access Centres across East Anglia.

Population growth in Cambridge and new developments

Across East there are a number of areas where there is a growth of population, some of this is predicted and taken into account in the oral health needs assessment (appendix 2). There is also population growth due to building programmes including the Northstowe development.

NHS England has set up a Dental Strategy Group whose membership consists of Commissioners, Consultants in Dental Public Health and Chairs of the Managed

Clinic Networks. The Dental Strategy Group will take into account the local populations (including growth) and oral health needs when making commissioning recommendations to NHS England.

NHS England continues to review and assess NHS dental provision across East and will review commissioning intentions where it is identified that additional NHS dental services are required.

Review and procurement of the out of hours dental services in Peterborough, Cambridge, Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney

In Cambridge, the dental out of hours service is currently delivered by Cambridge Community Services and are delivered from the Cambridge Dental Access Centre. The out of hours service is available on Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays. The current Agreements for dental out of hours services are due to expire 31 March 2019.

A review of out of hours dental services was undertaken in late 2017/early 2018 with a procurement exercise commencing in September 2018. The procurement is due to complete at the end of December 2018 with new services to commence 1 April 2019.

Patients will continue to be able to access urgent dental treatment, where considered clinically necessary, outside of core hours for dental practices, including weekends and bank holidays.

Community dental services for people with special care needs

Cambridgeshire Community Services provide dental services for people with special care needs. This service is only available upon referral from a health professional in Cambridge, Ely, Huntingdon, Wisbech and Peterborough. The service is performing well with 100% of patients starting treatment within a maximum of 18 weeks from referral.

As all the current contracts come to an end in September 2019, NHS England is re-procuring these services in line with the NHS England Guidance for commissioning dental specialties - *Special Care Dentistry*, which supports general dental services for vulnerable adults and children, and also supports hard to reach groups to ensure that patients have access to general dental services. The Commissioners have been working with both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council's Public Health Department to review the Dental Public Health Functions; Oral Health Promotion and Epidemiology which will be delivered as part of this service.

Domiciliary services

There are two providers of domiciliary dental services. The main provider is Cambridgeshire Community Services who provides domiciliary dental care for housebound patients in the Cambridge and Peterborough CCG area. There is an

additional provider, Mr Mullins based in Porson Road, Cambridge for housebound patients local to the Cambridge City area.

Workforce

NHS England does not hold details about the number of dentists who provide private dental care. Below is information regarding the number of dentists providing NHS dental services at CCG level.

Number of dentists with NHS activity, for years ending 31 March 2018, England

	Total number of dentists	Population per dentist	Dentists per 100,000 population
England	24,308	2,274	44
Midlands and East of England	7,395	2,269	44
Midlands and East (East)	1,987	2,177	46
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	457	1,936	52

Source: NHS Digital Dental Statistics – eng – 17-18 annex 2

Appendix 1 – list of dental providers in Cambridgeshire



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practices.pdf

Appendix 2 – oral health needs assessment



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