

CABINET

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ADDENDUM TO THE REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A.13 SCRUTINY OF IMPROVING ACCESS TO NHS DENTISTRY FOR RESIDENTS IN TENDRING

The response of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder to the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is as follows:-

“I welcome the update provided by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) who now have the responsibility for dentistry and in particular their focus on high priority groups and urgent care especially as Councillors raised concerns re emergency access and treatment. In addition, utilising the opportunity around contractual flexibility to improve oral outcomes, patient access and affordability is welcomed.

A focus on behavioral management to support people to manage their own dental health and an increase in staffing as the opportunity for training at the University of Essex develops will help support a stronger preventative approach. This will assist the dentists in our area to be able to focus on the most serious cases.

A further update to the Committee in future would be helpful to ensure the work that the ICB highlighted is actually delivering outcomes and improving oral health in our area.”