

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

TITLE OF THE DECISION :- To respond to the comments of Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny of 17 June 2025 in respect of dentistry provision

Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
29 August 2025	Cllr Gina Placey	Following the Committee's focus on dentistry and the importance of ensuring there is sufficient provision in our area and particularly for those most in need, I propose the following: a) Instruct officers to contact health colleagues and request that they provide data which explains the link between dental decay and hospital admissions b) To continue to champion the importance of addressing health inequalities as highlighted in our emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Furthermore, to work with any newly formed Integrated Care	To respond to the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 17 June 2025. Having an interest in dentistry and considering the Briefing Note provided to the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Meeting on 17 June 2025 on dental commissioning, I acknowledge the Committee's comments as follows; The Committee: 1) Urges the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships to urge NHS colleagues in providers hospitals to supply the required data	To reject the Committee's recommendations but did not follow that option because of the importance of maintaining a focus on dental health inequalities with health partners	None	No	Yes

					around admissions of children and the extent of which that can be attributed to dental decay; 2) Urges the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, that with the envisioned merger of the ICB for Greater Essex, that she does everything that is within her power to ensure that the health inequalities, particularly with dental health inequalities, are front and centre for the new ICB and at least replicate the good work of the SNEE going forward; and 3) urges the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships that there is a development of continued referencing data and extent of any improvement over time and for				
	Board so as to maintain that focus on addressing health inequality, and c) Instruct officers to contact health colleagues to provide data which explains changes in dental appointments over time d) To share the responses in respect of a) and c) above with the Committee								

			the actual NHS dental appointments for each year to be provided for children and adults				
			In response to these points, the decisions I have made in response are set out in the previous column.				
URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to "Agreement to Decision" below):-							
GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)				YES/NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?		YES/NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)				YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?		YES/NO
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)				YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?		YES/NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)				YES/NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?		
					If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?		YES/NO
AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-							
Signed:- <i>John Platts</i>				Date:- 24-08-2025		Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):-	
Decision Maker							

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