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Dear Nicola

RE: Dentistry presentation at Tendring District Council's Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 17 June 2025

I refer to the Briefing Note you produced and the attendance of your staff at the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 17 June 2025.

Thank you for provision of the Note and also the attendance of your staff which the Committee found helpful and informative as they seek to understand dentistry and the inequalities associated with it in our area.

Following the attendance, the Committee deliberated and have made a number of recommendations. Would it therefore be possible for you to provide the following information.

The Committee are interested in hospital admissions and would you therefore please provide data which highlights the number of hospital admissions for children within Tendring which can be attributed to dental decay and whether this is changing over time.

In addition they are seeking to understand whether there is any improvement, over time, in terms of the number of actual NHS dentist appointments provided each year within Tendring for adults and also for children. I would therefore be grateful if you would provide this information as well.

Following receipt of any data it is proposed to share it with the Committee for their information.

As there are impending changes in the operation of ICB's and in particular the potential for a development of a greater Essex ICB which would cover Tendring would you please also inform me about the continuity of provision over this time of change. For example will this be delivered by a new team or are any members of the existing SNEE ICB likely to transfer over?

If you would like to discuss any of these items in any more detail please do contact me

Yours sincerely

John Fox

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