# LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

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### REPORT TITLE

The North Central London Integrated Care Board (NCL ICB) Dental Transformation Programme and Dental Services Update

#### REPORT OF

Director of Strategic & Delegated Commissioning

North Central London Integrated Care Board (NCL ICB); and Head of Primary Care Commissioning; Dentistry, Optometry and Pharmacy (DOP), London DOP Commissioning Hub, hosted by North East London (NEL) ICB

### FOR SUBMISSION TO

DATE

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## SUMMARY OF REPORT

## This report:

- Summarises the status with regards to the delegation of Dental Services to the North Central London Integrated Care Board (NCL ICB) that occurred in April 2023.
- Outlines the scope of what the ICB can and cannot make changes to within the area of Primary, Community and Secondary Dental Services.
- Provides an overview of our Current Community and Acute services.
- Summarises the principles and priorities for the NCL ICB around improving oral health including working with Local Authority partners on our shared agenda.
- Overview of Dental Provision within Camden.
- Current delivery position including existing challenges to access.
- Details of additional in-year investment in Primary care dental services.
- Focus on Oral Health Inequalities with associated National Epidemiology data.
- 'Pilot Schemes'.

The report also includes some key statistics and data drawn from the deep dive undertaken by the ICB as part of our due diligence work prior and post delegation of Dental services.

## Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information

The following documents have been used in the preparation of this report:

No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee notes the report.

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Signed:

Simon Wheatley, Director of Integration, Camden borough, NCL ICB

Date: 12/09/23

# 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to update the Camden Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Scrutiny Committee on dental services that were delegated back to the NCL ICB from April 2023. In addition, the committee is invited to provide feedback on our principles and priorities for improving oral health in NCL.

# 2. Background

- 2.1. In April 2023, the North Central London Integrated Care Board (NCL ICB), along with all ICBs, took over responsibility for the commissioning of Dental, Optometry and Community Pharmacy Services (collectively referred to as POD or DOP services).
- 2.2. Primary Dental Services are managed by the DOP Hub hosted by the North East London ICB on behalf of all London ICBs. The Hub is responsible for dealing with all matters related to the General Dental Services (GDS) Contract.

- 2.3. The GDS is set nationally, and local systems have no control over the terms of the contract. In addition, the workforce planning for Primary Dental Services is managed nationally by Health Education England. Working within these constraints the NCL ICB work closely with the Hub to increase access, capacity, and skills in Primary Dental Services wherever we can.
- 2.4. Appendix A focuses on the initial priorities the NCL ICB is seeking to address including with our Local Authority partners on our shared Oral Health improvement agenda.
- 2.5. Appendix B explains the impact of Covid-19 on dentistry in Camden, and the approach to recovery, including details of dentistry pilot schemes to improve oral health.
- 3. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services
- 3.1. No impact identified for London Borough of Camden (Local authority)
- 4. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor
- 4.1. The Borough Solicitor has been consulted on the contents of the report and has no comments to add to the report.
- 5. Environmental Implications
- 5.1. There are no environmental implications from the policies set out in the report.
- 6. Appendices
- 6.1. Appendix A Dental Overview for Camden
- 6.2. Appendix B Access to dental services

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