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To: Overview and Scrutiny Committees
Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral

Dear Colleague

Please find attached two papers for the 'Oral Surgery Dental Services: Paper for Local Authorities Overview and Scrutiny Committee' and the 'Community Dental Services: Paper for Local Authorities Overview and Scrutiny Committee'. This paper sets out the requirement of NHS England to re-procure the service contracts over the coming months.

The procurement process is about to commence and prospective bidders will be submitting their proposals in due course. The commissioners intend to procure services that are almost identical to those that are already in place. The intention is subsequently to undertake an in-depth dental service review, involving all stakeholders and leading to bespoke dental contracts designed to address the dental agenda including inequalities.

The final form of the contracts associated with this interim re-procurement exercise have yet to be decided and will depend upon how providers respond to the bidding process. However, the service specification has been written in such a way that the anticipation is that material change to existing contracts will be minimal.

A communications and engagement plan has been developed (a copy is included). A series of stakeholder events is anticipated and these will go on throughout and beyond the procurement process.

It is anticipated that Local Authority representatives will be invited to participate in the contract evaluation process.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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