



REPORT TO:	South Holland District Council
DATE:	Wednesday, 31 July 2024
SUBJECT:	Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Report
PURPOSE:	To provide South Holland District Council with an update following the latest meeting of the Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Committee
KEY DECISION:	<i>N</i>
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing, Conservation & Heritage
REPORT OF:	Councillor Glynis Scalese
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	<i>N/A</i>
EXEMPT REPORT?	<i>N</i>

SUMMARY

This report is provided in accordance with Standing Order 5 of part 4A (Procedural Standing Orders) of the Council's Constitution which states that written reports will be received from Councillors who represent the Council on outside bodies. Reports will normally be for information only, however, members may recommend that a matter be considered or investigated by officers and that the investigating officers be asked to submit a further detailed report.

Councillor Scalese is SHDC's representative to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.

This report is provided for information purposes only, and members are requested to note it.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To provide members with an update following the latest meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, in line with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Not to note the report; or
- To note the report and request that a matter be considered or investigated by officers, and that the investigating officer submit a further detailed report.

Health and Scrutiny Report

A report detailing NHS Dental Services in Lincolnshire

In Lincolnshire there were currently fifty-one NHS General Dental and Orthodontic Services.

Five of those were based in South Holland.

There were also two specialist Orthodontic practices based in Boston and Spalding.

Only three areas in Lincolnshire provided NHS extended hours for urgent dental care and out of hours; Lincoln, Sleaford, and Spalding.

NHS Dental categories include;

Triage Dental Category

- Mild or moderate pain, that was not associated with urgent care, but would respond to pain relief measures.
- Minor dental trauma.
- Post extraction bleeding that the patient would be able to control using self-help measures.
- Loose or displaced crowns, bridges, or veneers.
- Fractured or loose - fitting dentures and other appliances.
- Fractured posts and fractured loose or displaced fillings.
- Treatments normally associated with routine dental care.
- Bleeding gums.

Urgent Dental Conditions

- Dental and soft tissue infections without a systemic effect.
- Severe dental and facial pain - this was pain that could not be controlled by the patient following self-help advice.
- Fractured teeth or tooth pulpal exposure.

Dental Emergencies

- Trauma, including facial/oral laceration and/or dentoalveolar injuries, for example, avulsion of a permanent tooth.
- Orofacial swelling that was significant and worsening. (Orofacial granulomatosis (OFG) an uncommon condition of the mouth that causes lip swelling, and sometimes swelling of the face, inner cheeks, and gums.)

- Post-extraction bleeding that the patient was not able to control with local measures.
- Dental conditions that had resulted in acute systemic illness or raised temperature as a result of a dental infection.(Acute systemic illness – an illness that causes systemic symptoms and had a high risk of morbidity without treatment.)
- Severe trismus. (Trismus causes painful spasms in the muscles that surround the jaw joints.)
- Oro-dental conditions that were likely to exacerbate systemic medical conditions such as diabetes that could lead to acute decompensation of medical conditions such as diabetes.

Community Special Care Dental Services.

- The Community Special Care Dental Services provided dental treatment for patients whose oral care needs could not be met through the NHS primary dental care, either due to their complex medical, physical, or behavioural needs. The service uses behavioural management techniques and follows sedation and general anaesthesia pathways. Dentists and or health care professionals could refer patients to the community special care dental services.
- There was only one dental provider treating children and adults from seven clinics across Lincolnshire: Louth, North Hykeham, Skegness, Boston, Grantham, Spalding, and Gainsborough.

NHS Dental Charges

- The charges for NHS urgent dental treatment were as follows;
- £26.80 this would cover an urgent assessment and specified urgent treatment, such as pain relief, a temporary filling, or a dental appliance repair.
- Band 1 course of treatment - £36.80, this would cover an examination diagnosis, including; X ray advice on how to prevent future problems, a scale and polish if clinically needed and preventative care, such as, the application of fluoride varnish or fissure including sealant if appropriate.
- Band 2 course of treatment - £73.50, this would cover everything listed in band 1 above, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or removal of teeth.
- Band 3 course of treatment - £319.00, this would cover everything listed in bands 1 and 2 above, plus crowns, dentures, bridges, and other laboratory work.

APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 1000D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a council body.

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