## **BNSSG ICB Dental Strategy Workshop Breakout Session Outputs - Overall Summary**

Improving Access & Addressing Variation	Workforce	Population Level Oral Health Interventions	Integration & Collaboration
Need to undertake a geographically focused review of capacity, contracts and associated local provision to identify aspirations for targeted access particularly for urgent care & hard to reach communities (mix of UDA and sessional rates) Explore opportunities to release funding in some areas to focus elsewhere Review and standardise referral pathways and access points Explore opportunities to utilise Digital technology Increase public and professional awareness of how dentistry works Consider health champions in the community which may be building on existing schemes for related areas Review reasons patients do not attend and look at reducing rates	<ul> <li>Increase understanding of dental pathways and roles</li> <li>Review career progression pathways and upskilling of staff in particular therapists and consider increasing advanced care practitioners</li> <li>Promote career opportunities in schools including apprenticeships</li> <li>Coordinated approaches to recruitment across the area and focused on applicant work/life balance needs</li> <li>Create opportunities for workforce networking, wider community partnerships and enable staff to feel part of the NHS</li> <li>Review possibility of salaried positions and access to NHS Pension</li> <li>Broaden specialty focus including related areas such as Diabetes</li> <li>Focus on retention particularly nurses &amp; therapists</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete demand and capacity modelling</li> <li>Increase oral health education in care homes, nursing homes and schools</li> <li>Consider community engagement plans, other Local Authority areas (i.e. healthy weight) and early years services to find opportunities to include Oral Health</li> <li>Complete a skills audit to understand scale of opportunity for the population including outreach services and education</li> <li>Further consider national evidence such as the Advanced Dental Care Review and NICE guidance recommendations on tooth brushing schemes</li> <li>Increase HPV vaccine uptake to reduce Oral cancer rates</li> <li>Consider Tier 2 services to reduce waiting lists</li> <li>Consider care access routes such as urgent care, 111, stabilisation and opportunities to focus on population needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explore opportunities to embed Oral Health in primary care including GP practices and pharmacies (particularly if co-located) and increase awareness between services</li> <li>Review opportunities for any possible underspend on Local Authority prevention budgets</li> <li>Develop urgent care shared care records and referral processes</li> <li>Identify opportunities for the various dental roles to be part of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework</li> <li>Review opportunities for utilising existing services such as Diabetic Retinal Screening</li> <li>Explore opportunities for dental students going out to schools, care homes and focus on specific areas</li> <li>Utilise existing voluntary sector links with hard to reach communities such as the homeless and asylum seekers</li> <li>Review opportunity for increasing sedation rather than general anaesthetic</li> </ul>

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