

Transformation to 2021 proposal details

Name of Transformation to 2021 proposal: Oral Health Improvement
T21 Opportunity Reference: PH6 Oral Health Improvement
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Date of assessment: 18/4/2019

Is this a detailed or an overview EIA?

Detailed

Overview

Description of service / policy and the proposed change

Describe the current service or policy, giving a brief description of the current services in scope and the user demographic:

Hampshire County Council commissions Solent NHS trust to provide Oral Health Improvement Services. Current services include: supervised toothbrushing programme and oral health improvement award scheme in 142 targeted Early Year's Settings (5500 children per year); provision of free toothbrushes & toothpaste packs for distribution by Health Visitors to c.1600 disadvantaged families per year; and monthly oral health promotion training for Hampshire County Council staff working in care homes. The service also provides fieldwork services for the statutory dental epidemiology survey of oral health in 5-year olds (2750 children from a minimum of 20 schools in each district council area every 2 years).

Geographical impact:

All Hampshire

Basingstoke & Deane

East Hampshire

Eastleigh

Fareham

Gosport

Hart

Havant

New Forest

Rushmoor

Test Valley

Winchester

Describe the proposed change, including how this may impact on service users or staff:

T21 proposal to decommission Oral Health Improvement Services when the current contract expires on the 31st of July 2020, generating annual saving of £180k. Likely changes would be:

- Reduction in the number of children participating in supervised toothbrushing programme
- Cessation of Early Year's Oral Health Improvement Award Scheme
- Non-participation in the statutory national Public Health England Dental Epidemiology Survey of oral health in 5-year olds.
- Cessation of face to face oral health promotion training and resources for Hampshire County Council Care Home Staff
- Reduction in the oral health of young children and in older people in care homes

Who does this impact assessment cover?

Service users

HCC staff (including partners)

Engagement and consultation

Has any pre-consultation engagement been carried out?

Yes

No

No, but planned to take place

Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform.

Describe who was engaged or consulted. What was the outcome of the activity and how have the results influenced what you are doing? If no consultation or engagement is planned, please explain why.

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal – however, the County Council ran a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2019 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing Council Tax, using reserves and making changes to the way services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to the County Council's Cabinet in October 2019. When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Consideration of impacts

Indicate whether the proposed change is expected to have a positive, neutral or negative (Low, Medium or High) impact on people who share the following characteristics.

For any characteristics with a positive, low negative, medium negative, or high negative impact, please describe this impact in the box provided.

For any characteristics with a medium negative, or high negative impact, please describe any mitigations in the box provided.

Statutory considerations

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:

Poor oral health impacts Children's and families' health and wellbeing and is a marker of wider health and social care issues, including poor nutrition, obesity and neglect. The service currently provides a supervised toothbrushing programme and oral health improvement award scheme to prevent and reduce dental decay in pre-school children. The programme reaches approximately 5500 under 5s attending 142 targeted early years settings across Hampshire. Settings are targeted based on their index of multiple deprivation and local dental decay data. Settings are provided with free toothbrushes, toothpaste and resources for 12 months with an expectation that they will work towards the oral health improvement award and become self-funding after 12 months. Good oral health is an essential component of active ageing. Social participation, communication and diet are all impacted when oral health is impaired. The service provides monthly oral health promotion training for Hampshire County Council care staff working with vulnerable adults and older people in Hampshire Care Homes. The expiration of this contract could mean that the provision of free toothbrushes, toothpaste and the award scheme in Early Year settings could stop and settings would need to self-fund if they wish to continue to deliver supervised toothbrushing as part of their core day. The provision of free toothbrushes and toothpaste to disadvantaged families by Health Visitors may also stop as may the face to face delivery of oral health promotion training to Hampshire County Council care home staff. The expiration of the contract could also mean that the Council would no longer be participating in the national dental epidemiology survey programme which is a statutory requirement.

Mitigation: Participating Early Years settings would be encouraged to continue to provide daily supervised toothbrushing after the service stops using their own funds or by seeking funding from other sources, including fundraising. We would work with the new Hampshire Public Health Nursing Service to raise awareness of oral health with parents and young children as part of the new service offer. We would signpost Hampshire County Council staff working in care homes to websites which provide free oral health promotion electronic learning.

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact: Oral health varies within different Black, Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups. In general, BAME groups are more likely to have poorer oral health than the overall population, often linked with high risk-taking behaviours such as chewing tobacco and low socio-economic status, however some BAME groups have better oral health than the general population, often linked to cultural habits around oral hygiene and less intake of dietary sugar. In terms of use of dental services, ethnic minority children are more likely to visit a dentist in response to a dental problem, rather than as part of a routine check-up.

Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Marriage or civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

Other considerations

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact: There is an association between deprivation and prevalence and severity of dental decay. Areas with higher levels of deprivation tend to have higher levels of dental decay.
Mitigation: We would raise awareness of the links between poor oral health and deprivation with the Hampshire Public Health Nursing Service and seek to ensure that online oral health promotion resources are promoted to parents in our most disadvantaged areas.

	Positive	Neutral	Low negative	Medium negative	High negative
Rurality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact:
Mitigation:

If you have only identified neutral impacts, please state why:

Additional information

[Click here for guidance on any other factors to consider.](#)

Include any other brief information which you feel is pertinent to this assessment here:
(optional)

Local authorities have specific dental public health functions and are statutorily required to:

- provide or commission oral health promotion programmes to improve the health of the local population, to the extent that they consider appropriate in their areas
- provide or commission oral health surveys in order to facilitate: the assessment and monitoring of oral health needs, planning and evaluation of oral health promotion programmes, planning and evaluation of the arrangements for the provision of dental services, and reporting and monitoring of the effects of any local water fluoridation schemes.
- local authorities are also required to participate in any oral health survey conducted or commissioned by the secretary of state

The expiration of the contract would also mean that Hampshire County Council could no longer be participating in the national dental epidemiology survey programme which is a statutory requirement. This survey is specific in that it is carried out in a specified way by dentists. We are one of the few areas locally to continue with the survey and there are other sources of data that give information about oral health.