The Future of NHS Dentistry: Improving Quality and Outcomes

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 8th May 2012
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

Until now, the NHS Dentistry contract has remained focused on treatment; there has been little or no incentive for dentists to practice preventative dentistry. As outlined in the NHS Dental Contract: Proposals for Pilots (December 2010), the Government wishes to put in place an NHS dental service delivering high quality clinically appropriate preventative, routine and complex care for those who choose it. Thus, it plans to develop a new national contract based on registration, capitation and quality. In moving to a capitation and quality model, the Government proposes a new way of remunerating dentists for the clinical care they deliver. Subject to the success of the Pilots and approval of Parliament, the new contract is expected to be implemented in April 2014.

The introduction of a new dentistry contract was originally proposed in the NHS White Paper, Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS (July 2010), and following a period of consultation, a trial scheme was launched in September 2011 with 70 pilots. The existing dental contract system, introduced in 2006, is based on remuneration for activity or units of dental activity; this system, it is argued, does not reward quality. Instead of paying dentists based on the number of courses of treatment they provide, the new contract system proposes for payments to be made according to the number of patients they provide care for. The pilots aim to lead to a fundamental reform of the NHS dental contract having been designed in consultation with a national steering group with assessment of the results due in the Summer.

Furthermore, the pilots will help to test the Dental Quality and Outcomes Framework (May 2011) in dental practice, and to develop and refine the systems which can be used to monitor quality and outcomes. The Framework may provide a better way of holding dentists to account, than simply measuring the number of units of dental activity they carry out. NHS dentistry accounts for nearly £3 billion of public expenditure and, as such, it is necessary to improve the quality of patient care and increase access to NHS dental services.

With the Office of Fair Trading’s review on whether the UK dentistry market is working well for consumers due this Spring and results of the Dental Pilot Programme expected in the Summer, this timely symposium offers an invaluable opportunity to analyse the Government’s plan for modernising NHS dentistry and assess and debate the key developments in improving quality and outcomes for all dental patients.

- Secretary of State for Health, September 2011

“It is vital that patients receive high quality dental care and we are committed to promoting good oral health and preventing dental decay, especially in children. The Government believes dentists should get paid for the quality of treatment they provide rather than simply for the number of treatments. This is not only better for patients, but also a better use of NHS resources. The pilot sites will test different ways of putting this approach into practice. What we learn from this process will inform the new contract”

- Professor Jimmy Steele, Member of National Steering Group, September 2011

“it is vital that changes to dentists’ contracts are piloted before the government introduces a new dental contract. It is heartening to see the profession engaging so positively in the pilot process. Oral health has improved but the risks of decay and gum disease are still high for many people. It is now time to focus attention on achieving healthy mouths as our outcome and not just volumes of treatment provided”

Why Attend?

- Analyse the progress of the Dental Pilots and examine the possible implications of the OFT Review
- Assess the next steps for regulation, the new role of the CQC and the impact on standards
- Raise awareness to ensure the delivery of better oral health whilst maintaining a high level of patient care
- Discuss ways in which to improve partnership working and share best practice

Who Should Attend?

- Dental Principals
- Commissioning Managers
- Clinical Directors
- Dental Public Health Consultants
- Dental Services Representatives
- Private Dental Practices
- Healthcare Managers
- Practice Managers
- Primary Care Trusts
- Quality and Patient Safety Officers
- Central Government and Agencies
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Health Visitors
- Children’s Services
- Voluntary Organisations in Health and Social Care
- Regulatory Bodies
- Policy Officers
- Equal Opportunities Officers
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
- Legal Advisers
- Charities, Social Enterprises and Cooperatives
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Trade Union Representatives
- Academics, Analysts and Researchers

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Programme

09:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15 Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30 Panel Session One: Quality Not Quantity – The Future of NHS Dentistry
   • Adapting to Regulatory Change – Assessing the New Dental Contract and the New System of Registration
   • Improving Patient Care, Measuring Safety, Identifying and Addressing Poor Performance
   • Dental Quality and Outcomes Framework – A Reliable Model for the Future
   • Results and Indicators from the Dental Pilot One Year On – Challenges Faced in the Pilot and How Have they Been Addressed?
   • Office of Fair Trading Review – How Will the Recommendations Impact the Commissioning and Delivery of Dental Services?
11:15 Morning Refreshments
11:30 Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30 Networking Lunch
13:30 Panel Session Two: Policy into Practice – Delivering Better Oral Health for Every Patient
   • Implementing the New Contract, Its Impact on Dental Professionals and Patients and Implications for Delivery and Care
   • Impact of the Wider Involvement of CQC in Regulating Primary Dental Care for Both Private and NHS Services on Delivery of Care
   • Delivering Better Oral Health – Caring for Ageing Dentition and Taking Forward the Smile4Life Programme to Improve the Oral Health of School Children
   • Working in Partnership with the General Dental Council to Measure Safety and Examine the Emerging Issues on Quality, Access and Public Oral Health
   • Providing Patients with Value for Money and Ensuring Access to Accurate and Impartial Information to Enable them to Make Informed Choices About their Care
14:15 Afternoon Refreshments
14:30 Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30 Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40 Networking Reception
16:30 Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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29th March 2012

International Student Recruitment : Understanding and Working with the Points Based Immigration System
17th April 2012

Caring for our Future: Supporting Active Ageing in the UK
17th April 2012

Transition to Elected Police and Crime Commissioners: Accountability, Accessibility and Transparency
18th April 2012

Transforming Cancer Care: Embedding Equality into the Patient Pathway
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