

Swindon Oral Health Strategy

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 This Strategy builds on the 2016 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) on Oral Health in Swindon. It outlines the approach to improve the oral health of Swindon residents.
- 1.2 Significant improvements in oral health have been made. However, many adults and children still suffer from oral diseases. In order to improve oral health and give strategic direction a Swindon Oral Health Strategy is required.
- 1.3 This Strategy links to Swindon Borough Council's Priority Four: help people to help themselves while always protecting the most vulnerable children and adults. It also links to the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Strategy as follows: Outcome 1 - every child and young person in Swindon has a healthy start in life; Outcome 2 - adults and older people in Swindon are living healthy and more independent lives, and; Outcome 3 - improved health outcomes for disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Discuss and approve the Swindon Oral Health Strategy 2016-2021 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.2 To recommend to Cabinet and the Clinical Commissioning Governing Body that they adopt the Swindon Oral Health Strategy for 2016-2021.
- 2.3 Support the establishment of an Oral Health Steering Group who will monitor this Strategy, and the Swindon Oral Health Action Plan.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The strategy built on the engagement in the Oral Health JSNA involving representatives from Great Western Hospitals Trust, Swindon Borough Council and Public Health England.
- 3.2 The five priority outcomes of the Swindon Oral Health Strategy are:
 - 3.2.1 Ensure oral health is a health and wellbeing priority

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- 3.2.2 Tackle social and lifestyle determinants of disease
- 3.2.3 Embed oral health into commissioning
- 3.2.4 Commission oral health improvement interventions
- 3.2.5 Ensure shared ownership of the oral health agenda
- 3.3 The Swindon oral health strategy (attached at Appendix 1) recommends the formation of an oral health steering group to monitor the action plan (attached at Appendix 2) and strategic outcomes.
- 3.4 The strategic target is to increase the proportion of 5 year old children free from dental decay to the same level or higher than the England average.
- 3.5 We will do this by increasing the knowledge of health professionals on oral health; ensuring that all residents of residential care settings have an oral care plan/protocol; ensuring NHS dental contracts deliver the recommended level of fluoride varnish to over 80% of children.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Not commissioning oral health promotion. This is not a realistic option as oral health promotion is a statutory responsibility of Local Authorities.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 Swindon Borough Council (SBC) currently commissions the Oral Health Promotion Team of the Great Western Hospital to provide services to Swindon residents. SBC pays £28,000 a year for this service. The costs can be met from within existing public health ring fenced budgets. No additional funding implications are expected as a result of this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 The Health and Social Care Act (2012) conferred the responsibility for health improvement, including oral health improvement, to Local Authorities.
- 5.3 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with Convention Rights.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.4 No additional resources identified at this stage.

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Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A diversity impact assessment has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found. As part of the strategy we aim to specifically target groups at higher risk of oral health issues (children, older people, people living with learning disability, people living in poverty, people whose lifestyles increase their risk of oral disease and those who are dependent on others for support) and have not identified an adverse impact that this would have on others.

Risk Management

- 5.6 No specific risks have been identified at this stage for this report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Swindon Oral Health Strategy 2016-2021.
8.2 Appendix 2 - Swindon Oral Health Action Plan 2016-2017.