



Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System.

Easy Read Draft All-Age Mouth Health and Dental Plan.



The Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System is the local NHS and councils working together.



In February 2024 NHS England told everyone what needs to happen about making dental services better.



We have written a plan about keeping mouths and teeth healthy over the next 3 years. 2024 to 2027.

We made our plan from things people have told us including, patients, staff and the NHS.



Our plan says what we need to do to help people take care of their mouths and teeth.

We know some groups find it harder to afford the cost of dental care so we need to think about this in our plan.

What needs to happen?

In the next 3 years we have to work on 3 important things.

Ensuring all local people have healthy mouths



We need to help everyone to look after their mouths and teeth better.

This means helping them know about brushing their teeth, having less sugar and seeing their dentist.

This is about everyone from before they were born until their old age.

We need to make sure we do special work with groups of people who find it harder to get help with their dental care.



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Increasing services which help people keep their mouths and teeth healthy.



We need to know how much NHS dentistry is needed in our area.

We need to think about how we have special support for children in care,

and other groups like homeless people, asylum seekers and people with disabilities.

We need to carry on working with care homes and schools.

We need to know more about why people in our area are waiting for hospital dental care.

We need to plan how to tell people about services and how important it is to look after their mouths and teeth.

We need to help other people working in health and in the community to understand what dentists can help with.

We need to think about the different ways we should communicate with people because of things like understanding information or speaking a different language.

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Supporting the staff we have, keeping them longer and having more people apply for jobs.

We need a plan for getting more dental staff.

We need to find out what training and support our staff need.

We need to work on having happy staff so they want to work in the area and stay here.



What you think is important to us.

This is our Draft Plan, which means it can still be changed.

You can tell us what you think and help us make sure we have included all the important things.



There is a survey where you can tell us what you think.

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Please fill in the survey by 30 June 2024



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