

ITEMS 9 & 10 - QUESTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

COPY OF QUESTIONS

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1. What are the facilities at the Swadlincote Health Centre being used for at present & since the Lift building was opened?
2. Outline what efforts have been taken to fill the dental practitioner roles to utilise those empty surgeries?
3. What interest, if any, has there been by established dental practices in using the facilities & outline what efforts have been taken by the PCT to generate that potential interest?
4. We believe that you no longer have to register with a dentist. Why have local residents been asked to register at the new Woodville Surgery?
5. It has been said that sessions for emergency treatment have been set aside at local dentists. Has this now happened?
6. What is the NHS's definition of emergency dental treatment?
7. What provision is made for out of hours service for the local community?
8. Under the current system how many Patients is it acceptable to be served by each individual NHS dentist?
9. Can children and their parents register with the same NHS dental practice?
10. Are there any groups or individuals who are exempt / denied this service of care?
11. What is the PCT's current dental budget for South Derbyshire. Is this budget ring fenced and how has it been spent this year?
12. Are there any more deprived areas of the District where patients are exempt from paying charges?
13. How does the PCT utilise the charges levied at point of contact in the funding of the NHS Dental service?

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14. Are patients removed from NHS dental care if they do not attend on a regular basis, if so how are they notified of this?
15. Under the current contractual arrangements how often are patients required to attend for checkup's?
16. How does the PCT counteract the old "Fill & Drill" culture?
17. How does the PCT promote a preventative treatment service?
18. How many types of Dental Contracts are offered to dental surgeries?
19. How many bands currently exists for patient charges in the NHS / Private practices and do these include categories of those who are exempt from these charges?
20. What are the current Units of Dental Activity (UDAs) of our performing Dental surgeons?
21. What are the UDA Targets for the South Derbyshire area?
22. What monitoring takes place for Dental Practices?
23. Are Dental Practice's offering private services alongside NHS services?
24. Does the PCT practice Dental Screening in Primary and Secondary Schools. What statistics are available for South Derbyshire?
25. If local practices are full what measures are taken to open new surgeries?