

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot

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Dear Colleagues

The Oral Surgery (Personal Dental Services) Pilot is now in a second phase and we would like to inform you of outcomes from phase 1 to date and HSCB plans for the next phase.

Over the next few months we will write out to you again for feedback on your experience of the pilot and to seek your views on the future service.

Thanking you in advance,

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Oral Surgery PDS Pilot 2017/18 (Pilot Phase 1)

The 2017/18 Pilot officially started on 1 October 2017 and ran until March 2018. Information on the pilot and details of the 6 participating High Street Oral Surgery (HSOS) Practices were circulated in previous News Sheets and are available on the BSO website at the following link: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2873.htm>

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018 (Pilot Phase 2)

The current pilot phase is an extension to phase 1 and has the continued participation of the 6 HSOS providers. The extension ensures continuous service provision and enables HSCB to complete a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the pilot on patient access. This will include stakeholder feedback, an analysis of HSOS activity and waiting times, referrals to Secondary Care and a financial review

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot October 2018 to March 2019 (Pilot Phase 3)

Subject to funding, the HSCB may make some changes to the pilot model in light of the evaluation and will test it during October to March 19. Beyond this date, once the model is considered robust, it is expected that the service will be contracted out through a tendering process.

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot 2017/18 (Pilot Phase 1) Outcomes to date

The pilot began officially on 1 October 2017. Despite a six month delay in funding, pilot dentists and practice staff worked extremely hard to meet activity targets by the end of March 2018. Although seven months is insufficient time for a full evaluation, the oral surgery pilot to date can claim the following successes:

- Approximately 3000 more patients in 2017/18 received specialist Oral Surgery care within Primary Care than during 2016/17 (an increase of 26%).
- Equity in patient access has improved as service provision has increased across all five Local Commissioning Group areas.
- Since the official start of the pilot in October 17 there has been a 14.5% reduction in GDP referrals to secondary Care.

Pilot practices treated patients at the following levels of complexity:

- * **An average 82% of cases treated were at Level 2** (Procedural and/or patient complexity requiring a clinician with enhanced skills and experience who may or may not be on a specialist register. This care may require additional equipment or environment standards but can usually be provided in primary care.)
- * **5.6% of cases treated were Assessment Only** (Patients who were assessed but did not go on to receive HS oral surgery treatment for clinical or other justifiable reasons or were triaged and referred on to secondary care. Patients opting to be treated privately did not attract an assessment fee and were not counted as pilot activity.)
- * **An average 12% of cases treated were level 1 - A proportion of these cases will have patient modifying factors and are still to be audited.** (Procedures/conditions to be performed or managed by a clinician commensurate with a level of competence as defined by the Curriculum for Dental Foundation Training or equivalent.)

Range of treatments provided under Pilot Phases 1 and 2

The HSCB has received some queries regarding the range of Level 2 treatments being delivered by some pilot practices. This is currently being discussed with pilot providers with a view to a consistent position being agreed for phase 3 of the pilot commencing October 18. In the interim we thank you for your patience and ask that you seek the advice of your local pilot provider regarding referral criteria.

We will seek your feedback on the pilot over the coming months. However, if you would like to speak to someone in the meantime please contact the Oral Surgery Pilot Project Manager on 028 9536 2608 or at diane.mckillen@hscni.net