

Tamar to Moor & South East Cornwall Joint Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update

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The Joint Working Group collaboration between the two CAPs has led to some highly successful outcomes, rooted in the community. Recognising the need, we have been focused on dentistry in the last few months. Equally, though, recognising that the dentistry landscape is complex and that we all have pressures on our time, we have chosen to focus on oral health, as we felt this was an area where we could effectively deliver solutions working with Cornwall Council and town and parish councils.

ORAL HEALTH

We have been in discussions with a range of partners, including:

- Kirsty Lewis - Acting Director Primary Care
- Danielle Kirby – Integrated Care Area Development Manager
- Karen Burn - Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise
- Gareth Walsh - Public Health Practitioner, Cornwall Council

Outcomes

- i. Oral Health in primary schools
Our deep dive in to the uptake of oral health programmes in primary schools in our two CAP areas identified that not all schools had access to the Smarter Smiles programme. We felt this might be an area where councillors could supplement the provision using Community Chest funding, and we made initial approaches to individual councillors, but Cornwall Council's public health team has now offered to roll out the programme to all primary schools.

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ii. Oral Health Champion Training

As a result of contacts made through our investigations, members of the working group were offered a free training session in oral health, led by Karen Burn of Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise. Participants found the training extremely informative, and based on their feedback Cornwall Council is now looking to expand the training offer across Cornwall. The training will be rolled out in our two CAP areas ahead of other areas.

Remaining issues to cover under oral health:

- a. Investigate whether there is a need to find funding to distribute oral health packs to places such as Foodbanks
- b. Explore links with the mobile library

FORWARD PLAN

In future meetings, we will be joined by Amanda Smith (Early Help Service Manager for Children and Family Services with Cornwall Council), who will give an update on the development of links between midwives and Family Hubs, and by Tryphaena Doyle, who is Place Director for North and East Cornwall with the Integrated Care Board.

We are keen to ensure that the working group continues to deliver solution-focused, hyper-local outcomes, and with this in mind suggestions for future topics include:

- Diabetes, including 'Super Clinics'
- Reducing discharge delays for SE Cornwall residents from Derriford Hospital
- Health outcomes for excluded pupils
- Transport to Hubs and medical facilities
- Cross-border health provision