

## Briefing Note to Stakeholders

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### **Procurement of Services to provide Minor Oral Surgery Procedures in the Community**

NHS England is responsible for commissioning primary and secondary care dental services for the population in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

A number of the dental procedures that are currently carried out in hospitals are able to be delivered by specialists who are based in general dental practices within the community. These procedures, which include treatments such as wisdom tooth extraction and removal of retained roots, are generally referred to as minor oral surgery procedures.

In some Local Authority areas of South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw patients are already referred to a specialist in a community based practice for their minor oral surgery procedure. These services have been established and operating successfully for a number of years. However in the Sheffield and Rotherham areas the only referral option for patients at the moment is to the local hospital. We propose to change this situation by commissioning suitable Providers to deliver minor oral surgery procedures in these areas.

The cost of these new services will be met by reducing the amount of resources for minor oral surgery activity carried out in the local hospital. However there will be no overall reduction in the amount of activity commissioned and in some areas the amount of activity is expected to increase slightly to better reflect need.

The benefits of this change are;

- Patients offered a choice of Provider for their minor oral surgery procedure
- Improved local access for patients by having community based provision
- More cost effective use of NHS resources

In addition to the commissioning of new community based contracts in Sheffield and Rotherham, the procurement process will also include re-tendering of existing provision of community based services in Barnsley and Bassetlaw where existing contracts will end next March 2015.

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There are 5 separate contracts that will be offered and these are as follows;

<b>Local Authority Area</b>	<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Sheffield	2 contracts each with the capacity to treat 600 patients per year	1 contract to be delivered from premises within an electoral ward to the east of the centre  1 contract to be delivered from premises within an electoral ward to the west of the centre
Rotherham	1 contract with the capacity to treat 600 patients per year	
Barnsley	1 contract with the capacity to treat 850 patients per year	Existing contract ends on 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 15
Bassetlaw	1 contract with the capacity to treat 250 patients per year	Existing contract ends on 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 15

It is intended that the new services will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

Service users have been invited to submit views through a poster displayed in General Dental and General Medical practices across the relevant localities.

### **Distribution**

*(For the localities of Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Bassetlaw)*

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