

Dental Clinical Networks

- There is an emergent need for a stronger oral health voice within Regional NHS England and NHS Improvement teams in order to ensure the effective delivery of key national oral health policies and priorities, as well as facilitate the move towards integrating care.
- The framework builds upon the November 2020 publication of “Integrating Care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England” and its recommendations for system wide clinical and professional leadership
- NHS England and NHS Improvement Regional Teams host and support Local Dental Networks (Dental Local Professional Networks) as part of its commitment towards ensuring strong clinical leadership and engagement, as outlined in Securing Excellence in Commissioning Primary Care
- Since the publication of these documents, there have been significant developments in the structural landscape of health and social care, hence a requirement to enhance local clinical leadership that it is agile and responsive. This is in order to ensure the best outcome for patients



Dental Programme Board

Membership:

- Regional leadership- clinical, quality, commissioning
- PCN advisor
- Public voice
- LDN leadership
- Local Authority
- Secondary Care

Objectives:

- Creates strategic direction e.g. dental reform programme, plan to resolve secondary care or emergency access issues
- Works with LDN to create work plan to deliver strategy
- Reports through Primary Care Oversight Group
- Governance through PCOG
- Determine data sets for collating
- Long Term Plan, NHS People Plan assurance
- Chief Dental Officer initiatives, Dental Commissioning Standards, Transformation commissioning

Quarterly meetings

Local Dental Network

Membership:

- Regional leadership- clinical, quality, commissioning
- MCN Chairs
- Public Health England
- Health Education England
- Local Dental Committee Chairs
- Public Voice/Healthwatch

Objectives:

- Creates operational work plan to deliver strategy
- Created in Jan/Feb so can be signed off through Programme Board and PCOG to ensure all financial/contracting issues are captured
- Reports by exception quarterly to Dental Programme Board
- Empowered to solve problems to deliver strategy (has not contracting/financing capacity)
- Governance through Programme Board
- Co-ordinates and collates data- look across primary/secondary care

Quarterly meetings



Managed Clinical Networks



Restorative, Oral Surgery, Special Care, Orthodontics, Urgent Care and Paediatrics (planned 2021)

Membership:

- Regional leadership- clinical, quality, commissioning
- Clinical representation from Primary Care (LDC)
- LDN Chair
- Clinical representation from Secondary Care
- Public Health England
- Health Education England
- Representative dental schools

Objectives:

- Delivers operational work plan
- Created in Jan/Feb so can be signed off through Programme Board and PCOG to ensure all financial/contracting issues are captured
- Reports by exception quarterly to MCN
- Empowered to solve problems to deliver plan (has not contracting/financing capacity) especially around local solutions for local problems
- Governance through MCN
- Gathers local data

Quarterly meetings

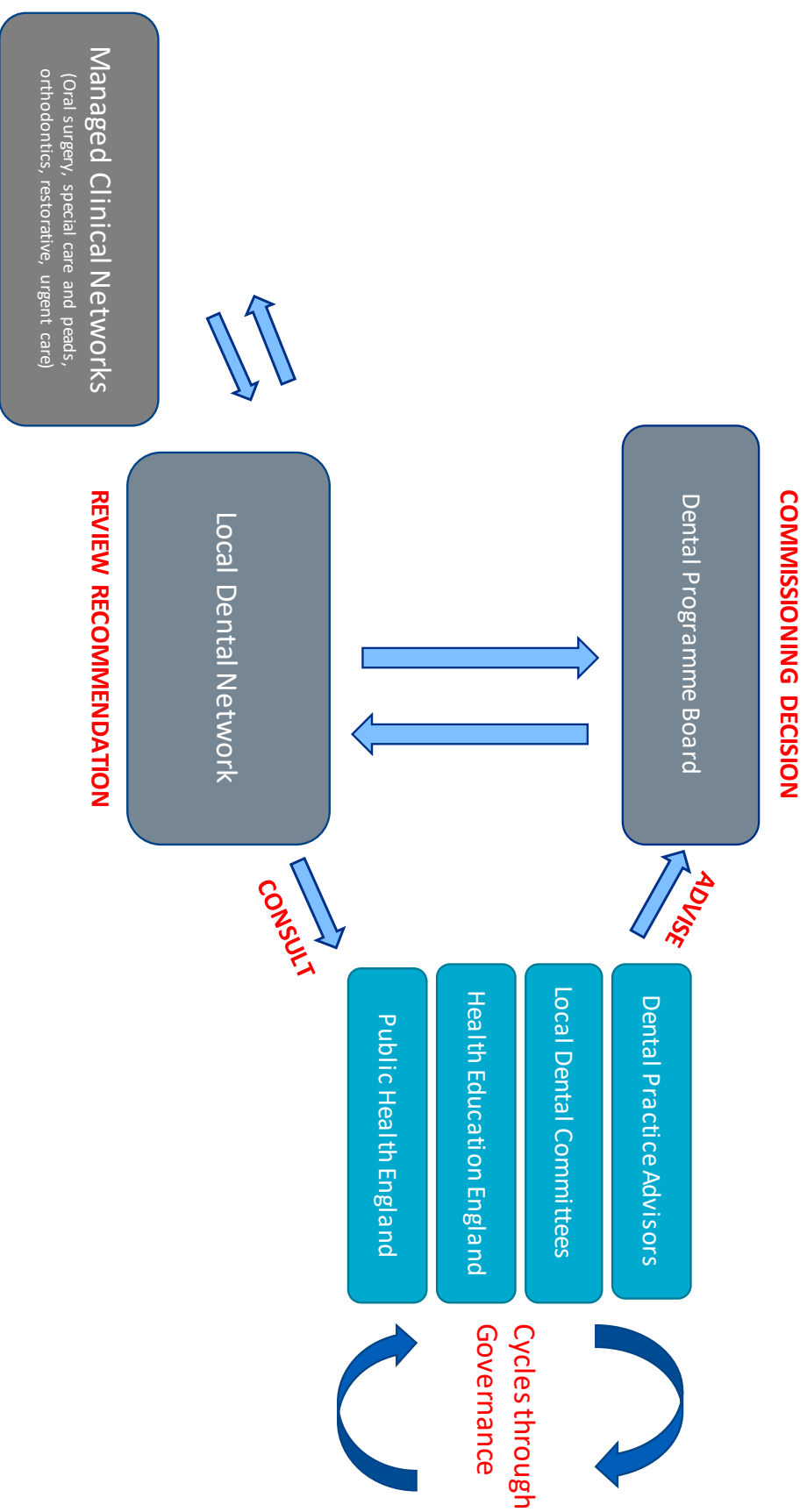
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Governance: Dental Programme Board

- One Local Dental Network for the South West
- Five Managed Clinical Networks
 - Restorative
 - Special Care and Paediatrics
 - Orthodontics
 - Oral Surgery
 - Urgent Care (to be created 2021)
- Seven Local Dental Committees – Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Dorset, Avon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire
- Further work required to define the relationship and roles of the Local Dental Committee membership to support the development of the SW dental reform programme and quality and governance meetings

Governance



Dental Programme Board holds accountability for assurance and review;

- Oversight of LDN work programmes to **ensure delivery of agreed objectives**, quality improvement outcomes and key performance indicators through approval of annual work programmes
- Ensuring LDN work programmes are in **alignment with the dental reform programme, Office of Chief Dental Officer** informing priorities through commissioning and planning cycles
- Oversight of the LDN function and Terms of Reference
- LDN **options appraisals, business cases and recommendations**
- Ensuring **risks identified by LDNs are appropriately assessed** and where appropriate, managed by the regional risk management process
- Supporting the development of work programmes that are in line with **national, regional dental objectives and STP/ICS objectives**
- Providing a **supportive forum for LDN** to discuss issues that require input from the membership and consideration of next steps.



LDN holds accountability for delivery of work programme

- Oversight of MCN and LDC work programmes to **ensure delivery of agreed objectives**, quality improvement outcomes and key performance indicators through approval of annual work programmes
- Ensuring MCN work programmes are in **alignment with the dental reform programme, Office of Chief Dental Officer** informing priorities through commissioning and planning cycles
- Oversight of the MCN function and Terms of Reference
- MCN **options appraisals, business cases and recommendations**
- Providing a **supportive forum for MCN, LDN, PHE, HEE** to discuss issues that require input from the membership and consideration of next steps
- Consult with MCN/LDC

Guiding Principles

- Ensure, through clinical collaboration, effective and efficient patient flows between providers to achieve a networked provision of services.
- Take a whole-system collaborative approach to ensure the delivery of a safe and effective service across the patient pathway, adding value for all its stakeholders.
- Support intelligence-led commissioning for improved pathways of care, through engaging a diverse range of organisational, clinical, patient, carer and public stakeholders.
- Ensure clinical guidance and service standards are consistent across all providers, to improve outcomes and enhance patient and family experience.
- Focus on clinical effectiveness through facilitation of comparative benchmarking, evaluation, audit and review of services, promoting adoption of best practice.
- Fulfil a key role in assuring providers and commissioners of all aspects of quality and best practice as well as supporting the coordination of provider resources to secure the best outcomes for patients across the designated geographic area.
- Support capacity planning and activity monitoring with collaborative system forecasting of need, demand and supply.
- Support collaborative working between Specialised Commissioning, local systems and providers to identify and deliver productivity and efficiency opportunities;
- Involve and inform all system partners in the planning and strategic commissioning of specialised services, secondary care and primary care dental services

Purpose

- Ensure that all system partners are aware of the **range of LDN, MCN, LDC that exist**, their membership, geographic coverage and scope;
- Ensure that all system partners are aware of the **management and governance arrangements** in place for the LDN, MCN
- Record the **commitment of clinical partners**, at exec level, to support the **aims and objectives** of the LDN in collaboration to improve service delivery and equity of access to patients
- Commitment of NHSE&I South West as the commissioner of the LDN to **involve clinical partners in the governance, oversight and direction of the LDN/MCN** in a meaningful way