

## **Advisory Group**

### **Purpose and Remit**

#### **Purpose**

1. The Advisory Group will provide short life consultative comments and advice to the Chief Dental Officer (CDO) about the development and shape of a revised Determination I.

#### **Context**

2. The context for the initial short life focus for the Advisory Group is that as part of an iterative engagement with the sector, it is necessary to ensure that comments and advice on the format of a revised SDR is available to the CDO.
3. The overarching approach is to consider and develop the full range of treatment options that are necessary to ensure that NHS dental contractors are able to provide care to patients that secures and maintains the oral health of NHS patients.
4. The recent sectoral survey presented all NHS dental contractors with an initial view of the necessary changes and a report will be prepared on the responses and this will act as a key document for the group to consider.

#### **Remit**

5. The remit for the short life Advisory Group function is:
  - a. Develop and revise Determination I items
  - b. Consider the report of the recent sectoral survey
  - c. Provide general clinical insight into some aspects of item fees, as they relate to what may – in the contractors view – be affordable under NHS provision
6. The remit does not include:
  - a. Consideration of financial matters relating to specific fee items in new Determination I
  - b. Consideration of the overall financial package required to deliver NHS dental service provision, beyond the scope of c above
  - c. Formal negotiation of fees and prices is a matter for discussion between government and trade union representatives

#### **Workshop format**

7. The group will meet three times before the end of the calendar year with the objective for workshops being:

### *Workshop one*

- a. Consider the results of the survey report generally and to discuss and offer views based on the survey results.
- b. The survey results will be provided to group members one week before the first workshop and in advance of publication. Members should ensure that they have digested the information within the survey report prior to the first workshop.
- c. Deep dive discussions considering the following sections:
  - i. Oral Health
  - ii. Urgent Dental

### *Workshop two*

- d. Deep dive discussions considering the following sections:
  - iii. Preventative Care
  - iv. Routine Treatments

### *Workshop three*

- e. Deep dive discussions considering the following sections:
    - v. Advanced Treatments
    - vi. Advanced Aesthetic Care
  - f. Build a consensus on the final version of the proposed Determination I changes, informed by the survey and previous workshops with the group. This meeting is to provide for the final assurance from the group on the overall range of treatment to be included in the NHS offer.
8. During the workshops, the Advisory Group will critically analyse the treatment offer and consider which items should be included, excluded or altered, taking into account the sector's feedback from the survey and provide views on the findings. The Advisory Group should consider whether the basket of treatment will secure and maintain the oral health of NHS dental patients.

### **Timescale**

9. Ministers are committed to delivering a revised Determination I to be implemented during 2023/24 and it is necessary to consider any changes fully within a short period of time.
10. The short life Advisory Group will run from October 2022 and will be concluded in November 2022. This will allow for contingency planning across sectoral engagement. Workshops will take place at the following times:
  - Workshop one – Thursday 27 October 13:30 – 16:30
    - Discussion on the survey report and consider sections i. Oral Health and ii. Urgent Dental

- Workshop two – Thursday 10 November 13:30 – 16:30
  - Consider sections iii. Preventative Care and iv. Routine Treatments
- Workshop three – Thursday 24 November 13:30 – 16:30
  - Consider sections v. Advanced Treatments and vi. Advanced Aesthetic Care and final assurance and sense check discussion

11. A note of the workshops will be taken and circulated around the group for any comments, and any relevant papers, including agenda, attendees and note will be published one week after each workshop.

## **Membership**

12. The Advisory Group will mainly consist of General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) but will also include Dental Care Professionals (DCPs) and Specialists (Ortho and Oral Surgery). Members of the Advisory Group have been confirmed by Health Boards. The group will be led by clinical Scottish Government representatives (Deputy Chief Dental Officers (DCDOs)) who will facilitate the conduct of the workshops.

13. Members should maintain a professional code of conduct throughout the workshops and respect the opinions of other members of the group. The workshop format will provide for all participants to contribute fully to the discussion and contributions will not be publicly attributed.

## **Format**

14. The workshops will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams and will be chaired by the DCDOs as a single group meeting.

15. The workshops will be recorded for the purposes of taking an accurate note of discussions. The recordings will be deleted once a note of the workshop has been taken.

## **Public**

16. Details of the Advisory Group and notes of the workshops will be in the public domain and this will support public engagement and will build trust in the process.