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Dear Chair

PORTSMOUTH DENTAL SERVICE PROCUREMENT – UPDATE TO PORTSMOUTH HOSP

Further to the letter of 4 November 2020, I write to provide a further update on the procurement of NHS dental services in the North of Portsmouth as this is now out of standstill.

The Portsmouth North contract was for 10,000 Units of Dental Activity (UDAs). I am happy to confirm the successful bidder for this area is Cosham Dental Surgery Ltd. Dental services will be delivered from current premises which presently are a solely private dental practice. The premises will not require D1 planning as this is already an established dental practice however they are required to apply for planning permission as the premises will need some building works to incorporate an extension to accommodate additional surgery space as well as a room that can be used to deliver health promotion and training.

Providing the CQC can carry out a practice inspection once the building work is completed, it is anticipated that the practice will open on 1 April 2021 to NHS patients. We would like to note that if there are further lockdowns or key personnel are unwell or must self-isolate, this may affect these plans but NHS England and NHS Improvement will update the meeting accordingly should this happen.

We will be updating local stakeholders but do not propose making the address of the dental practice public at this stage. The practice will not be able to manage any queries from members of the public currently but once they are in a position to do so they will ensure people are aware of how to contact them so that they can make appointments from the commencement of the new contract.



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In the meantime the temporary additional activity that is being provided by existing dental practices while the procurement was carried out, continues to be in place.

Yours sincerely

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