

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA****COUNCIL – 14 OCTOBER 2009****REPORT OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
REVIEW GROUP ON DENTISTRY IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA****REPORT BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER BUCKMASTER**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Health agreed at its meeting on 26 September 2007 to establish a Sub-Group to review, during 2008/09, the provision of dentistry services in Kensington and Chelsea.
2. Specifically, the Review sought to identify any shortcomings in provision, and to suggest areas where improvements might be made. It focused on identifying and addressing a range of specific questions. Particular areas which were considered included: 'needs' in Kensington and Chelsea; commissioning dental and oral health services; provision of dentists; access and communication; prevention; children; and specialist treatments.
3. In addition to Council officer input, the Sub-Group received direct contributions from the Director of Primary Care and the Head of Primary Care at NHS Kensington and Chelsea.
4. The Health Scrutiny Committee has received and approved the recommendations of the Sub-Group. Its report was received by the Cabinet on 24 September. A copy of the final scrutiny report has been sent to NHS Kensington and Chelsea, seeking formal comments.
5. Council is asked to note the Report of the Sub-Group.

**FOR INFORMATION**

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