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**Decision Maker:** SEL ICB

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**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** Dental Services Access in Bromley

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1. Reason for decision/report and options

1.1 Request by Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

This report has been prepared by NE London ICB on behalf of SEL ICB. From April 2023, ICBs in London have taken over the commissioning of community dental services from NHS England. A central team is located for the whole of London in NE London ICB. It is for information only

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: There have been concerns that a lack of NHS Dentistry and long waiting times might impact on the oral health of children and vulnerable adults. There are however, different ways in which those who are vulnerable may access dental services, and not all have to access these through high street settings (eg community dental services)
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### **3. COMMENTARY**

We are still in the process of assessing where we with dental services and how access might be improved. The presentation gives an outline assessment of activities to improve access to NHS dentistry, and the oral health of children and what is being done to improve.