

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/318

Subject: Dentistry Budget

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1) i) What is your budget for dentistry this financial year; ii) how much has been spent as of 8th November 2023; iii) what is your estimated underspend in dentistry this year; and iv) how much, if any, of this will be made available to support your financial plans?</p>	<p>Figures provided in this section include the information reported in the finances to the Primary Care Committee of the ICB and are up to the end of September 2023.</p> <p>i) The allocation in the September 2023 reporting for the year year 2023/24 to fund all provisions of Dentistry is £56.037m</p> <p>ii) The reported underspend to September 2023 for the year 2023/24 was £2.104m (Allocation to September 2023, £28.087m)</p> <p>iii) The forecast underspend in September 2023 reporting for the year 2023/24 was £1.627m</p> <p>iv) The financial reporting for the ICB as with all organisations will report a variety of variances across a business as actual spending varies from the original plan. The underspend reported against the Dentistry allocation, is a part of the overall reporting, and the ICB is reporting a balance financial position for the year 2023/24</p>

<p>2) What assessment you have made of the impact these budget reallocations will have on patients and services?</p>	<p>There have been no budget reallocations.</p> <p>The BNSSG system took delegation of Dentistry services on 1st April 2023. We are working to increase the Dentistry service provision within our system, creating incentives and investing in services to improve the service offered to patients following a significant reduction in patient services during the pandemic, this, alongside the national intention to reform Dental contracts.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 27 November 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.