

HEALTH

BUILD A BETTER PLYMOUTH



We'll work with the local NHS to tackle the waiting lists for GPs and dentists.

Lead Cabinet Members	Councillor Mary Aspinall, Councillor Jemima Laing, Councillor Mark Lowry
Lead Officer	Anna Coles, Director for People / Ruth Harrell, Director of Public Health
What do we know?	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic and the control measures to reduce transmission have impacted on almost all aspects of our lives. This has had profound health, economic and social consequences.</p> <p>The impact on access to health services has been huge, and along with thousands of people unable to access NHS dental care in our city, many residents now find themselves unable to access primary care delivered by GPs in the way they would wish.</p>
Enabling Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plymouth Local Care Partnership System Plan • One Devon Partnership Interim Integrated Care Strategy
Accelerated actions	<p>We have -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a Dental Taskforce to address the urgent issue of the lack of NHS Dentistry within Plymouth, working with health commissioners to seek solutions that work for Plymouth. • Secured a new Community Diagnostic Centre for the city centre. The new Diagnostic Centre will be located in Plymouth's West End, helping regenerate the city centre, reduce pressure on Derriford Hospital and provide wider access to critical diagnostic tests. <p>We will -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local primary care, dentistry and our Universities to understand what can be put in place to support our residents better; and put forward solutions to the health commissioners • Ensure health commissioners are aware of the challenges faced by our residents in accessing care (working with Healthwatch and other partners) – and hold them to account for delivering improvements • Identify the health outcomes where Plymouth residents are worse off than Devon as a whole and lobby for investment to address this.