

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 24 November 2025

Title of Motion: Support for the University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School

Motion Narrative:

The University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School was established in 2007 and continues to provide exemplary training for dental practitioners. This Council recognises the importance of this education facility for the benefit of Plymouth and the wider Southwest region.

There continues to be a lack of access to dental care in the region resulting in a pressing need to train more dentists to meet this ever-increasing demand. The University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School has an ambition to increase student intake from 58 to 72 dental students, which is in step with most other university establishments.

These additional dental training placements are essential to accommodate patient demand in Plymouth (and beyond) and to combat the lack of access to dental services.

Plymouth City Council's Dental Taskforce wholeheartedly supports this ambition, not only to address the vacuum in local dental care aforesaid, but to endorse the success and outstanding ambition of our 'home grown' Peninsula Dental School, whilst reaching parity with other dental schools in England that enjoy an intake of 72 students.

Action Required:

This Council asks the Leader to write to the Minister for Health and the three Members of Parliament representing Plymouth, to endorse and support the ambition to increase the student numbers entering the Plymouth Peninsula Dental School.

Proposer: Councillor Mary Aspinall

Seconder: Councillor Andy Luggar