Guidance Document

This document sets out the milestones for the next phase of the Advancing Dental Care (ADC) Review, with their purpose and process. 1-1 meetings have taken place between the Chair and most senior stakeholders to outline the purpose of the next phase. All have expressed a willingness to be contacted by workstream leads for input into the strategic thinking and development of models to take forward.

Purpose

The purpose of the next phase is to develop a range of models across the whole spectrum of dental education and training for dentists and DCPs which will both support ongoing career development as well as meeting the needs of the NHS service and the Long Term Plan. Account should also be taken of the aspirations for the NHS workforce set out in the Interim People Plan. These models should reflect the information acquired through the earlier stages of the ADC Review, including the evidence base and the engagement events, to develop, as far as possible, a consensus with stakeholders on future models of education and training. The outcome of this phase is intended to be the development of a reference document to signpost education and training pathways, not only in the short-term but into the future.

To facilitate this process, new workstreams have been developed for 2020-21. The new workstreams are: DFT/DCT1 modelling; DCT2/3 modelling; DST modelling; Distribution of training posts, Apprenticeships and DCP training pathways; GDP and DCP career development. Where appropriate the various elements will work together to deliver a flexible and 'joined up' approach. The next phase has been broken down into a series of milestones as set out below.

Milestones

Milestone 1 uses strategic thinking to develop various models which will involve the workstream leads engaging with senior stakeholders to gain their input and suggestions, without prejudice, to identify education and training pathways, to support strategic planning and gain a consensus on the design of a number of provisional models relevant to the workstream area. It is anticipated that most of this engagement will be undertaken remotely (i.e. through Skype, Teams, etc.). The planned completion date for this milestone is mid-summer 2020

Milestone 2 will involve engagement by senior stakeholders with their own stakeholder groups to discuss the provisional models and refine, improve or further develop these models and, where necessary, identify any gaps or barriers to be overcome. Workstream leads may be involved in this element if required but it is important to the success of the programme that stakeholders are able to have a degree of ownership in what is proposed.

Once refined and a consensus reached, wherever possible, with senior stakeholders, the models will be reviewed by the ADC Core Team to develop a cohesive suite of substantive models, which will be shared with the ADC Assurance Board. The anticipated completion date for this milestone is late autumn 2020

Milestone 3 will cover the ADC report containing the recommended models which will signpost the direction of dental education and training in the future over the short, medium and long term. This will enable the work of the Review to become embedded in 'Business as Usual'. The anticipated completion date of the ADC Review is currently March 2021.

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