



The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP
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By email

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Dear Andrea,

As you are aware, access to dental services continues to be a challenge for some of our constituents, with new patients often finding it particularly difficult to register at an NHS practice. One of the issues locally is, we understand, a need for more NHS dentists.

Further to a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board about dentistry, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss local dental services, and in particular to call for the establishment of a Kent and Medway dentistry school.

A dental school would build on the great success of the relatively new Kent and Medway Medical School, with the anticipation that a proportion of those who would complete their training locally would decide to practice locally.

We know that a great deal of work is already underway within the Department of Health and Social Care to address the current challenges through the forthcoming Dentistry Recovery Plan. We are keen to feed into the Plan to ensure that all of our constituents have the access that they need to dental services for the future.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Best wishes,

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