

NHS Dentistry Campaign

Merton and Lambeth CAB are supporting CitA's campaign to make NHS Dentistry more accessible. Social Policy Co-ordinators have contacted four local MPs to ask them to encourage PCT's to advertise dentists who are still taking on NHS patients in telephone directories.

As a result Sutton and Merton PCT have created an information sheet of NHS dental services which are available at a number of public service centres. The PCT did say that they were unable to add this information to a public phone book as "*the PCT is not in a position to know which contractor has availability at any one given time*". Tom Brake MP for Carshalton and Wallington has contacted the health Minister Alan Johnson to express concern about the PCT's apparent lack of knowledge of the availability of NHS dental provision.