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## **STATEMENT FROM DR DAN ROPER, CHAIR OF NHS HULL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

### **Water Fluoridation in Hull**

“NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) supports Hull City Council’s Public Health Team exploring the options and implications of introducing water fluoridation in Hull. The CCG welcomes the full consultation with the public as part of this process.

There is evidence that water fluoridation prevents tooth decay. Whilst fluoride is naturally present in water, it requires a concentration of fluoride in public water supplies of 1 part per million (1ppm) to prevent chronic disease particularly in children.

Oral disease brings associated social and quality of life issues, including hospitalisation for extractions under general anaesthetic which can be distressing for children. Public Health England (PHE) studies have shown that in fluoridated areas there were 45% fewer hospital admission for children aged 1-4 for dental caries (mostly for extraction under a general anaesthetic).”