



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
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Agenda Item No. 1.4

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board
Wednesday 8 June 2022 – Annual Meeting

Public questions

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question:
1.	Antony Carpen, local resident	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Following the post by the Mayor Dr Nik Johnson of 21 April 2022 to Healthwatch Cambs & Peterborough (see https://twitter.com/NikJohnsonCA/status/1517184697461350403) and also my own blogpost of 11 Jan 2022 (https://cambridgetownowl.com/2022/01/11/could-the-new-ar-peterborough-host-a-new-school-of-dentistry/) asking if a new school of dentistry could be opened at the new ARU Peterborough Campus, please could you ask the Mayor, in conjunction with our county MPs to write to the Secretary of State for Health, and the Minister for Universities to consider funding a new dental school at ARU Peterborough, alongside their Health, Education, and Social Care school.

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	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Antony Carpen, local resident	The development of ARU Peterborough is currently in the first phase of a ten-year programme. The new specialist facilities and equipment in the first building have been designed to support the curriculum for the first few years, and that

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			<p>doesn't currently include dentistry. New medical courses, including dentistry, require significant financial investment and specialist staff from the profession. It is also important to highlight these courses must be developed with support from the regulatory bodies, which can take several years to establish.</p> <p>I am pleased to share that ARU are exploring whether they might be able to open a School of Dentistry at one of their campuses in the medium term. They are also investigating whether they can aid supply by developing an appropriate access course which has the potential to be offered in Peterborough. They work closely with Health Education England and the six Integrated Care Boards in the East of England, and their portfolio is continually being reviewed and developed in response to national priorities and local workforce needs.</p>