

Inquiry into Children's Oral Health

Evidence from Flying Start

To assist with its inquiry, the Committee would welcome your views on any or all of the following points:

1. The take-up of:
 - a) the supervised tooth brushing scheme for 3-5 year olds,
 - b) the promotional programme for 6-11 year olds;

2. Whether the investment has delivered improved health outcomes for the most disadvantaged children and young people;

3. Whether the programme is operating consistently across Wales in all areas of need;

4. How effective the expansion of the programme has been, particularly in relation to 0-3 year olds;

5. Whether the programme addresses the needs of all groups of children and young people;

6. The extent to which the *Designed to Smile* programme has been integrated into wider local and national initiatives such as the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes and Flying Start;

It is beneficial to give our toothbrushes and paste to families we visit as it has in well with healthy washing, introduction to family foods etc. It would be positive if the Design to Smile Team came to talk to the nursery in Cardigan. We plan to invite the team to come to our Families Together Group.

7. The current and potential implications for paediatric dentistry, including reviewing the strengthened role of the Community Dental Service in children's public health.

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