

HASCC Oral Health in Early Years Review – Progress Action Plan						
Recommendation	Action	Target Date	Progress	Lead Agency	RAG rating May 2019	
1.	The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) takes action to support an integrated approach to oral health promotion across all children's services and that contract specifications for all early years' services include a requirement to promote oral health; this should include very early oral health promotion by health visitors to help prevent tooth decay from sweetened dummies, prolonged use of milk in bottles and other sweet foods.	Oral health promotion incorporated into the new specification for the 0-19 services contract with NELFT.	September 2018	The contract requires of the provider to: -Improve dental health and oral hygiene and reduce tooth decay and extractions in children aged 5 -Provide brief interventions, advice and guidance -Encourage attendance at a dentist -Signpost to any locally-commissioned dental health programmes	LBBB, Heather Storey, Commissioning Lead, Children's Services	
		Performance is monitored through commissioner/provider progress meetings and the Public Health Programme Board, but need to move more towards measuring outcomes rather than just activity, in keeping with other key agendas, like childhood obesity	March 2020	Currently this information is not collected but the monitoring framework is potentially being revised in the coming year, therefore oral health reporting could be added contingent on prioritisation in context of other indicators as well as feasibility of extracting this data from NELFT systems	LBBB Children's Commissioning,	
2.	The Committee urges NHS England to actively support the teaming up of dentists with children's centres to encourage engagement with dental services from an early age, so that dental disease can be detected early and children get used to going to the dentist.	Team up with the dental partners to agree the approach with NHSE.	September 2018	Partial progress; The North-East London oral health promotion team, commissioned by NHSE have been delivering education sessions at all children's centres in Barking and Dagenham One dental practice committed to promotion sessions during oral health week.	NHSE	

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	Gather intelligence from other areas who are also looking at the feasibility of this project.	September 2018		LBBD, PH		
3.	The HWB is asked to monitor and report back on the progress of the oral health strategy, including the results of the 'Teeth for Life' (tooth-brushing) project	May 2018 September 2017	Maintain performance monitoring reports on distribution of toothbrushes and results from the project manager. Staff in participating centres receive training. Pre-schools and nurseries receive supplies of toothbrushes.	As at September 2018 62 pre-schools had joined the project. There is £15k to continue with training and supply of toothbrushes into 2019/20.	LBBD, Ade Winjobi, Procurement Manager	
4.	The Committee urges NHS England to implement the initiative proposed by the Chief Dental Officer and increase dental activity by 2%, so that dentists can see children at 1 year of age.	LBBD and the Local Dental Committee (LDC) send a joint letter of support for the Chief Dental Officer's proposal to NHSE.	September 2018	Contact made with the LDC who suggested that NHS England would be very difficult to engage with. We have prioritised contacting the dentists who have spare capacity in the first instance.	NHSE	
5.	The Committee urges NHS England to actively support those dentists who underperform in activity to utilise their spare capacity to target young families to engage with their dental service.	Action this recommendation in joint letter/petition to NHSE as per recommendation 4.	September 2018	Letter sent to all dentists following Chief Dental Officer's appeal in 2018 for dentists to offer check-up appointments to 1-year olds with a particular focus on those with current spare capacity	LDC, LBBD, Matthew Cole.	
6.	The A&E Delivery Board investigate the impact of dental emergencies on paediatric A&E attendance and challenge the system (CCG's) as to what is being done to address this.	Request of the CCG to provide data on attendance and any plans that could address the situation. LBBD adult commissioning works with the CCG to assess impact and find solutions.	March 2020		LBBD, Matthew Cole	

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7. The HWB, in collaboration with the British Dental Association, takes action to raise awareness of the importance of taking young children to the dentist and that it is a free service. This could include communication through images to help address the need for information in languages other than English	Agree a local plan with LDC and other stakeholders to raise the profile of going to the dentist; include communications and campaign messages.	September 2018	In 2018 Public Health partnered with the Community Solutions team, Children's Centre teams, the local Dental Committee and LBBB Communications to formulate a campaign which coincided with National Smile Month in June. 'My Dentist' dental practice and the NEL Oral Health promotion team joined in to help promote good dental health and deliver sessions across the Borough.	LBBB, PH	
8. The HWB supports action around food outlets, cafes and restaurants as part of the drive to decrease sugar consumption and improve oral health; for example, the 'Sugar Smart' campaign.	Link in with the 'Healthy Weight Strategy' and the Childhood Scrutiny Review action plan ..\Scrutiny review\HWB proposed action plan.docx	March 2020	The 'sugar smart' campaign has continued and included fizz-free February initiatives to highlight the amount of sugar in fizzy drinks to more schools. 60 people were signed up from Barking and Dagenham libraries to commit to the challenge. Currently exploring the Local Government Declaration on Sugar Reduction and Healthier Food, with support from the GLA, Sustain and colleagues in Havering and Redbridge.	LBBB, Healthy Lifestyles Team, and Public Health	
	Initiate the 'Healthy Catering Commitment' with 50% of the existing fast food outlets to get buy-in for changing content of food to healthier constituents	March 2020		LBBB, PH, Enforcement	