



## **POLICY 58: ORAL AND DENTAL HEALTH**

Oral Health Services in Glasgow include the General Dental Service, NHS Registered Dental Practices, Community Dental Services and Hospital Dental Services and the Oral health services in each CHCP.

The oral health family within each of the CHCPs is made up of Child Smile Team, the Oral Health Action Team and the Primary 1 and 2 Tooth Brushing Dental Health Educator.

The **Childsmile Team** provides support for families with children 0-2 years with registration with a Dentist and access to oral health prevention and promotion. Seven local Dental Practices are currently participating in this new initiative. Dental Health Nurses in each practice will deliver the oral health promotion messages to families. We hope that all dental practices will support Childsmile in the coming year

The **Oral Health Action Team (OHAT)**. Oral Health Promoters and Nursery Nurses promote oral health messages for families with children in the 0-5 yr age group. They specifically manage toothbrushing programmes in all nurseries across the CHCP targeting children 0-3 yrs through the Smile Too Programme which incorporates daily tooth brushing. The team also engages children and families in health promoting activities including healthy eating. Oral Health Staff also undertake wider programmes in partnership with a range of health professionals and community organisations to promote and disseminate oral health information.

The **NHS Registered Dental Practices** and Community Dental Service provides care for children and other priority groups.

**Glasgow Dental Hospital** and other sites provide secondary care on a referral basis. Other services include the Dental Public Health and Oral Health Promotion.

All these service are managed and co-ordinated by the Oral Health Directorate of the Acute Division.

For local information call the Health Improvement Team on: 0141 433 4924

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