

D2S and Lift the Lip Trial

Sorry I cannot make the October LDC meeting to give an update in person, but I want to inform the LDC of a pilot that is starting in the health board. Designed to Smile is working with the Health Visiting team to trial 'Lift the Lip' - which is a simple education and assessment tool to demonstrate to parents how to check their young child's teeth. This is to be included within the oral health promotion they already provide and aims to encourage dental practice attendance. 10 health visitors are testing it out this month.

Routinely health visitors recommend to all families that they should take their children to a dental practice for a check up by the first birthday. You may have seen the newly launched campaign by British Society of Paediatric Dentistry: Dental Check By 1. <http://bspd.co.uk/For-Patients/Dental-Check-by-One> The BSPD is calling on dental practices to join the campaign.

As the Lift the Lip pilot progresses, the aim is that for those children that the health visitors flag up as with concerns of decay, we can ensure prompt action to get them into dental services. This includes advocating for investment to improve dental access.

I hope that I have the opportunity to attend a future meeting to describe about the outcomes of the pilot.

Best wishes

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