

Design to Smile National Steering Committee - 7th November 2017

This group was set up following a Welsh Health Circular in June 2017.

Its aims are to provide leadership, oversee and guide the programme, review the evidence base etc. It is chaired by Mary Wilson (Dental public health), and has representatives from WG (Lisa Howells), CDS, Clinical directors, D2S clinical leads, D2S operational managers, health visitors, school nursing, a dietitian, and me – representing GDP's and the BDA!

The group will meet twice a year.

The terms of reference for the group were discussed and laid out.

D2S has a New Focus – 1 Targeting – need to target the most deprived settings and areas. The Welsh Oral Health Information Unit has identified 1619 (out of 2642) settings that are to be targeted.

2 – A focus on 0-5 years – toothbrushing and F1 varnish in nursery to yr 2 (they currently have 63% of children in pre-school to year 2 toothbrushing), continue to work with flying start nurseries and other pre-school settings to deliver toothbrushing 0-3 yrs

3 Health child Wales Programme – Health visitors to be encouraged to 'lift the lip' and given training from D2S staff on oral health advice and promotion. D2S also supplies oral health packs to flying start areas – toothbrush, toothpaste and free flow cups. Unfortunately Wales has a deficit of 40 health visitors (plus unfilled jobs) so are struggling to deliver the healthy child Wales programme.

4 Engaging with general practice teams. – a new e-learning is currently being tested with the DFT's and will be brought out with CAPRO funding for the dental teams. They want D2S to engage with dental practices by providing 'lunch and learns' (but without the lunch!) Access was also discussed – dental practices are encouraged to see babies by the age of 1. Health visitors currently mainly refer children to the CDS. I explained the difficulty surrounding use of skill mix in the GDS and the difficulty with access and practices not being able to discriminate about who they take on.

Objective Setting for D2S – to be achieved by end of school year 2019

1. 100% of nursery/school on list to be offered D2S
2. 90% of settings participating with F1 varnish and toothbrushing
3. 90% of children in these settings getting 2 F1 varnish applications per year (require positive consent)
4. Try and get OH promotion on Health Visitor Curriculum.
5. D2S to provide twice a year training to health visitors.
6. increase numbers of 1 year olds seen in GDP

There will be a D2S Learning event on 8th March 2018 in Wrexham.

D2S website has been rebuilt.

