National Dental Inspection Programme

NHS Tayside

Public Dental Service
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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: School Dental Inspections

The NHS in Scotland runs a programme of dental inspections of children in Primary 1 and Primary 7. This programme is managed and run by all the Health Boards in Scotland and Public Health Scotland (PHS).

The inspections are carried out by a dentist or dental therapist with support from another team member. All are employed by your local Health Board, NHS Tayside. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

Dental inspection information that identifies your child will be used by NHS Tayside to tell you about your child's dental health and need for dental care. If your child is registered with an NHS dentist NHS Tayside may also tell the dentist about the findings. If your child is not registered with an NHS dentist NHS Tayside may offer you help in finding a dentist for your child.

NHS Tayside will share the findings with Public Health Scotland. This is in order that the dental inspection information can be used to help with the planning and delivery of NHS dental services across Scotland. Sometimes the information will be used to carry out research. The inspection information is anonymised for these other purposes where at all possible.

Information from your child's dental inspection will be held by NHS Tayside and Public Health Scotland. The NHS will make sure that your child's information is stored safely, stays private and is only accessed by authorised people. This is in compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018. All NHS staff have a legal and contractual duty to keep personal health information secure and confidential. All staff have mandatory training in Data Protection and IT Security. Further information can be found on the reverse of this letter.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please call the telephone number above.

If you **do not want your child** to have this dental inspection, please contact your child's school within one week of receiving this letter. Please include your child's name and class in this correspondence.

Yours faithfully

NDIP Team

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The legal basis for NHS Tayside and PHS using this information is to promote and improve the health of your child and other patients and/or to manage the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child's information: please see the Data Protection pages of NHS Tayside and Public Health Scotland at Personal data processing - Our privacy notice - Public Health Scotland for further information and the period for which the information will be held. Contact details for those organisations can also be found via those links. If you need help to access this information, please contact [ ].