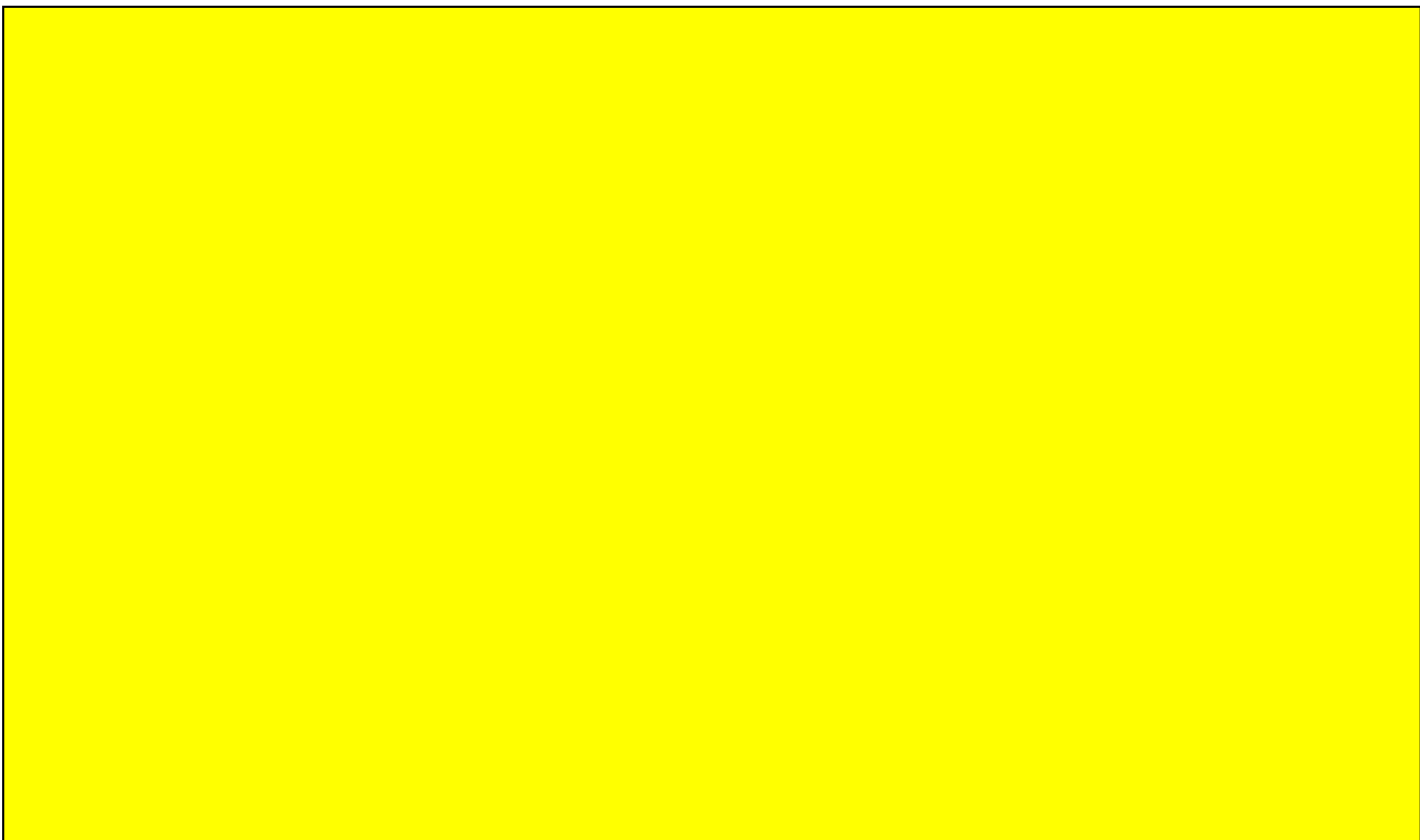


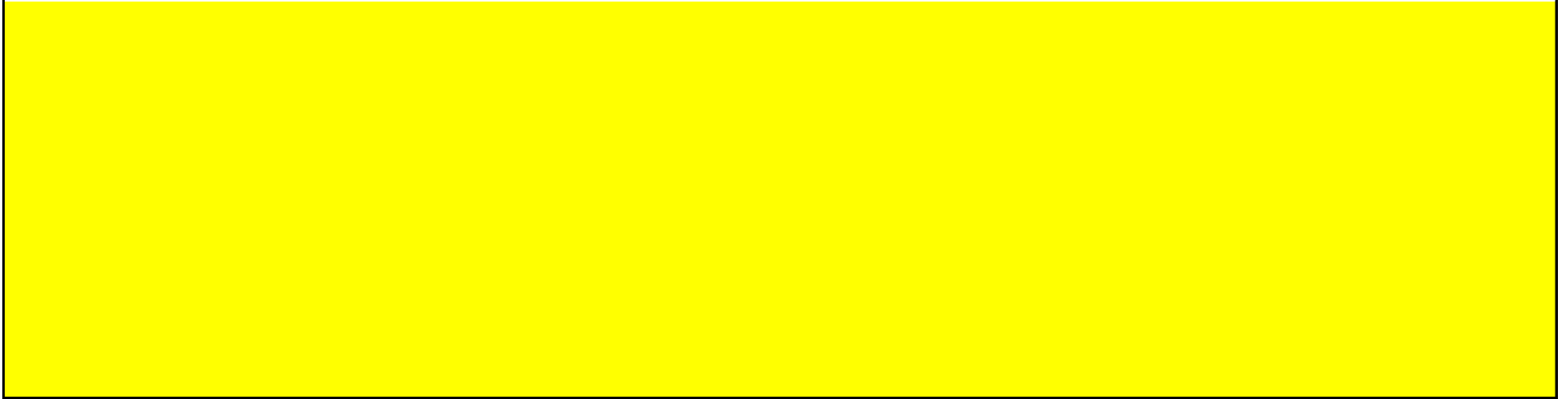
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| 1 | The Committee recommends that target areas and patient groups with an identified need are priority groups requiring access to the mobile dental facility purchased by the PCT. Particular consideration should be given to areas of high density of elderly people especially where NHS provision has been removed or locations of nursing care homes. | Consultant in Dental Public Health | Mar-08 |
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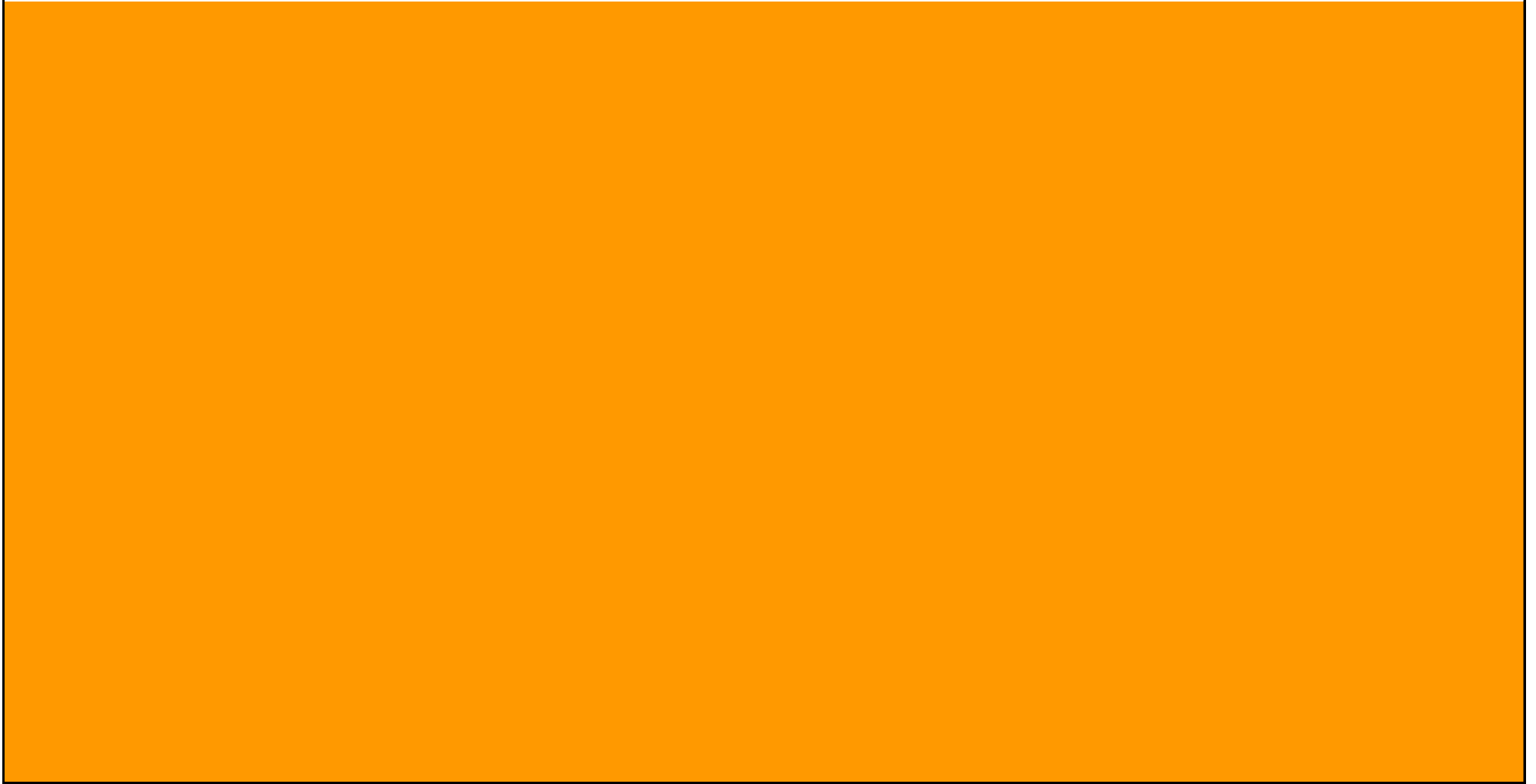
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| 2 | The Committee recommends that the North East Strategic Health Authority undertake consultation in Stockton Borough in the financial year 2007-8 to determine the level of local support for the introduction of fluoridation to the borough's water supply. | NE SHA | Mar-08 |
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| 3 | The Committee recommends that North Tees PCT, where appropriate, address the balance between the provision of treatment and prevention services, particularly initiatives that optimise childrens' exposure to fluorides. | Consultant in Dental Public Health | Mar-08 |
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| 4 | Before the academic year 2007-08 the Committee recommends that the Stockton-on-Tees Children's Trust, with North Tees PCT maximise the uptake of school dental screening and dental surveys by incorporating dental consent within the health consent forms used at the beginning of childrens' school careers | Children's Trust / Community Dental Service | Sep-07 |
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| 5 | The Committee recommends that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council assist the PCT to publicise issues about NHS dentistry through its publications, in particular Stockton News which is delivered to every house in the borough. | PCT and Council Press/ Publicity Sections | Apr-08 |
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| 6 | <p>The Committee is aware that the Council has relationships with many and various community and voluntary groups. It is recommended that Council officers with links to such groups provide the Head of Primary Care, North Tees PCT with contact information to target those groups in order to publicise dentistry issues.</p> | | Apr-08 |
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| 8 | The Committee recommends that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Integrated Transport Environmental Policy Unit provide the Committee with an accessibility map to identify available bus transport to dental practices in the borough. | Mike Robinson | Apr-07 |
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| Evidence of Progress - 28/11/2007 | Evidence of Progress April 2009 | Assessment of Progress (Categories 1 - 4) 28 Nov 07 | Assessment of Progress (Categories 1 -4) Jan 09 |
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| <p>The proposals are to use the dental mobile unit in part for delivering the fluoride varnish programme to targeted primary schools that have identified high dental decay rates. The mobile dental unit is not yet being utilised but plans are being developed for the New Year. In the meantime areas where NHS dental capacity has been lost have been targeted for the development of new practices. Leven Vale Dental Practice in Ingleby Barwick opened in April 2007, initially with one dentist. This increased to two from August 2007 and will increase to three dentists from November 2007. A second new three surgery practice at Fairfield will open within the current financial year. NHS capacity has been further increased by the retention of Vocational Dental Practitioners within the PCT - two were retained within the area from August 2006 and a further five have taken on associate roles</p> | <p>The mobile unit is not currently being used for the fluoride varnish scheme which was implemented in schools because of difficulties relating to access for school groups and electricity supplies. The mobile unit is however being used in Kirklevington prison to the dental needs of this client group. A procurement exercise has just been completed in the PCT with a new practice commissioned to provide services in central Stockton to provide additional capacity. The new practice will provisionally open in June 09. A further procurement exercise is required as not all the scheme expansion plans were successful and a timetable is being developed in line with procurement rules. Additional dental capacity has also been agreed with some dentists and the apportionment process was based on a range of criteria including targeting access.</p> | <p>2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.</p> | <p>2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.</p> |
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| <p>Both Stockton Borough Council and the Chairman of North Tees PCT have written to the North East Strategic Health Authority (SHA) to request that a consultation on water fluoridation is considered. The SHA have determined to await the outcome of consultation processes in other areas of the country before progressing any plans in the North East.</p> | <p>The North East SHA were awaiting the result of the consultation process in Southampton. The Board of South Central Strategic Health Authority (SCSHA), decided on 26 February 2009 to instruct Southern Water to fluoridate the local water supply. There is an expectation that a request for a judicial review will be made by antifluoridationists. NHS North East will await a decision of any application for a judicial review before considering undertaking a consultation in the North East.</p> | <p>4 – Not Achieved</p> | <p>4 – Not Achieved</p> |
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| <p>Plans have been developed to establish a fluoride varnish programme within local schools. This service will be provided via the existing Community Dental Service and will utilise the mobile dental unit. The following initiatives have been commissioned to promote preventive intervention in oral health care: Fluoride varnish scheme- A targeted school based fluoride intervention programme. Schools in the Stockton area with the worst dental decay levels will be invited to participate in the scheme. The fluoride varnish programme includes a detailed examination of the mouths of children aged 3-7 years, followed by an application of fluoride varnish. Applying fluoride varnish can both prevent decay and reverse some early decay. Discussions are currently underway with Peter Sellers on how to engage with schools to sign-up to the programme.</p> | <p>The 12 targetted schools have implemented a fluoride varnish programme in 08. A school toothbrushing programme has also been implemented for nursery and reception children in 08/09. The 40% of schools with the worst oral health were targetted for the toothbrushing programme.</p> | <p>2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.</p> | <p>2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.</p> |
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| <p>Oral Health Promoting Practices Accreditation scheme</p> <p>- This scheme is a collaboration with dental practices to encourage them to adopt a prevention focused approach to dental care. All practices in the Stockton area will be invited to participate in this scheme. An oral health co-ordinator will work closely with practices to develop and implement an oral health promotion action plan. Training will be offered to members of the dental team to ensure consistent oral health messages are given across Teesside.</p> | <p>Eleven North Tees Practices have now signed up to the Oral Health Promoting Practice scheme. An evaluation of the scheme is currently underway: patient evaluations and a practice audit to ensure the standards in the scheme are being met before the practice is awarded accreditation. Initial results show the scheme has been well received by patients and practices alike. The Brushing for life scheme is continuing. A home visiting scheme in collaboration with Children's centres has been implemented and is now in the evaluation phase.</p> |
| <p>Brushing for Life Scheme - Provision of toothbrush and toothpaste packs, information leaflets and a drinking cup to all 6-9 month and 18month children via Health Visitors. The scheme aims to promote the earliest possible introduction of tooth brushing with a fluoridated toothpaste</p> | |

Oral Health Promotion within Children's Centres in North Tees - Each Children's Centre has an oral health promotion strategy. This scheme will provide the resources and training for key staff to implement their strategy. Home Visitor staff within these centres will also be provided with resources i.e. toothbrush/toothpaste packs to distribute to families they visit to promote the importance of

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| <p>Prior to May 2006 all dental screening and survey work was carried out using negative consent. The average percentage of children screened for levels of dental health within North Tees PCT area between April 2005 and March 2006 using negative consent was 89%.</p> | <p>Dental Consent is now incorporated into the school medical consent form. Young People have to opt out as it completed as part of their medical</p> | <p>3 Slipped</p> | <p>1 complete</p> |
| <p>The average percentage of children screened at the North Tees PCT schools between September 2006 and August 2007 (with positive consent required) was 53%.</p> | | | |

The Community Dental Service has worked with the School Nurses in North Tees PCT by incorporating the dental positive consent within the health consent forms used at the beginning of the children's school career, from September 2007. All consent forms have been received back (bar 3 schools yet to be visited to pick up forms from) and the percentage of dental consent forms returned back using positive consent for the 2007/08 dental survey is 47.5%.

The Community Dental Service has decided to act independently to send a second letter and consent form to parents of the children who will be sampled for the dental survey and who have not returned positive consent forms

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| Need to develop link between PCT and Council press/publicity sections | There has been a conscious decision not to progress the publicising of Stockton dental services until the additional dental capacity has been procured. We have plans for a communications strategy that will include Stockton News, Evening Gazette and local information to Stockton residents. This will mirror some local publicity that has been undertaken by Middlesbrough PCT. This campaign has been positively received locally and has "demystified" some of the concerns about access, fees etc. This campaign has meant that uptake of Dental Services across Tees has increased even though this was a Middlesbrough targeted initiative. | 3 Slipped | 3 Slipped |
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| <p>Need to identify route from Council to Head of Primary Care to provide relevant information</p> | <p>Various Representatives have attended the LINKs meeting to discuss the plans for dental procurement. The PCT commissioned research around people's views and perceptions of services and this has helped inform the dental procurement and will shape the communications strategy. For example people identified concerns about fees which has been included in any promotional literature. A service prospectus is being commissioned which will help provide an overview of primary, acute and independent contractors including dental services which will support the range of information that is available to patients.</p> | <p>3 - slipped.</p> | <p>2 - On Track but not yet due for completion.</p> |
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| <p>Although a request for mapping was made to the Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU) at the time that the Scrutiny Report was published, the JSU was not able to provide this information due to other, more urgent priorities, primarily the accessibility mapping required by each of the five Tees Valley Authorities for inclusion within their Second Local Transport Plans.</p> | <p>The mapping exercise has been recommissioned via the Tees Valley Joint Strategic Unit and will support any promotions campaigns. It is planned that this information can be used by dental practices in any Practice Literature and help inform any capacity planning.</p> | <p>3 - slipped.</p> | <p>3 - slipped.</p> |
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