



Healthy Smiles Looked After Children's Oral Health Pilot

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Project background and objectives

• Pre-pandemic, the oral health needs of children in care, also referred to as Looked After Children, were met by a combination of Community Dental Services and mandatory service provision (General Dental Services) in primary care.

• Due to the restrictions during the pandemic on mandatory dental services delivery, this patient group has been unable to access care in the usual way.

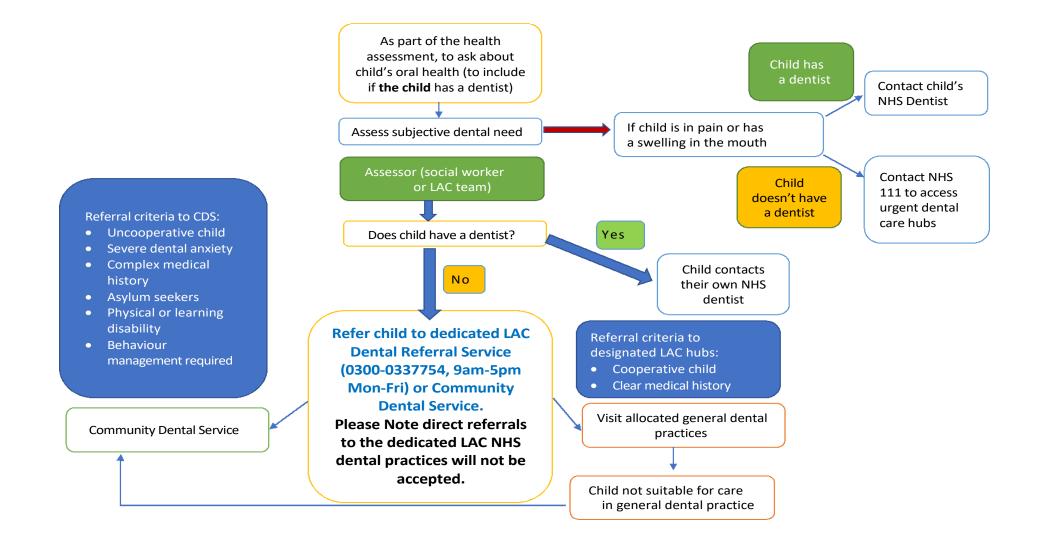
• To address the issue facing this particularly vulnerable group of patients, a working group including PHE, GDPs, Medical Directorate, Paediatric MCN and Commissioners was formed and a proposal devised.

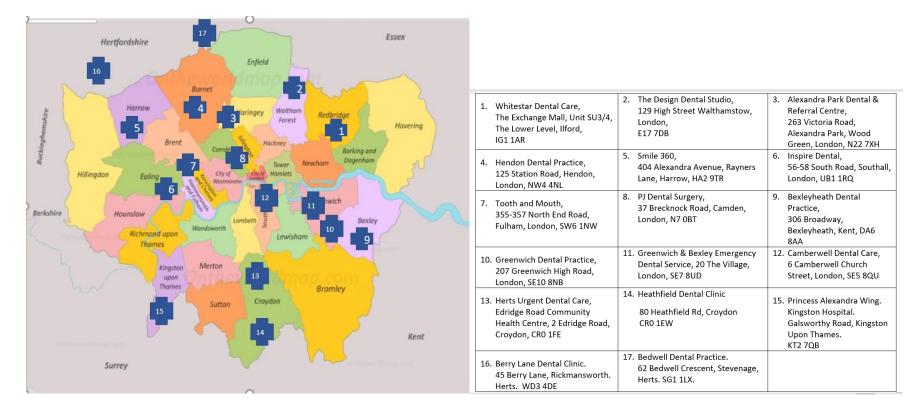
• A small amount of funding was secured to run a pilot designated service for this group of patients which will deliver several outcomes, patients will receive treatment, data on their current needs can be gathered and certain skills within the participating practices will be enhanced.

• Due to the many variables currently affecting dentistry, it is possible that the pilot may be extended and highly likely that pathways will be refined as it progresses.

- There will be regular meetings with all stakeholders and we are reliant on your feedback to develop the service.
- As far as we are aware, no other Regions have created a designated service for this patient group yet so there will be a level of focus on what we do

Dental clinical care pathway for Looked After Children in London -Healthy Smiles Pilot





General Dental Services Contact Details

All referrals must go through the LAC Dental Referral service. Please note direct referrals to the dedicated LAC NHS dental practices will not be accepted. The LAC Dental Referral Service

(Tel no: 0300-0337754, 9am-5pm)

Community Dental Services Contact Details and referral criteria

Referral Criteria

- Uncooperative child
- Severe dental anxiety •
- Complex medical history
- Asylum seekers
- Physical or learning disabilityBehaviour management required

Name of service provider	LA covered	Email	Telephone number
Whittington Community Dental Service	Enfield, Haringey Camden, Islington Ealing, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Harrow, Brent, Barnet	<u>dentalreferral.whitthealth@nhs.net</u>	020 3316 8353
Kent Community Dental Service	City and Hackney Tower Hamlets Barking and Dagenham Waltham Forest Redbridge	kcht.communitydentalservice@nhs.net	0300 7900 158
СІСН	H & F K&C Westminster	<u>Clcht.dental@nhs.net</u>	020 7354 6524
	Bromley Bexley Greenwich	BROMH.dentaladmin@nhs.net	01689 806859
Kings Community Dental Service	Lewisham, Lambeth, Southwark, Croydon, Richmond, Wandsworth, Kingston	Kch-tr.cdsreferrals@nhs.net	0203 299 3480