Publication Summary

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2012 Report
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About this Release
This Report is the annual survey of Primary 1 / Primary 7 children’s dental health, which gathers information to inform parents/carers of the oral health status of their children and, through appropriately anonymised, aggregated data, advise the Scottish Government, NHS Boards and other organisations concerned with children’s health of oral disease prevalence at national and local levels. In the school year 2011/12, the Detailed Inspection programme involved P1 school children.

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Key Points
• The oral health of P1 children in Scotland continues to show improvement: in 2012, 67.0% of P1 children had no obvious decay experience, compared with 42.3% in 1988, while the average number of teeth affected by obvious decay experience decreased from 2.73 in 1988 to 1.35 in 2012.
• Although the target of 60% of P1 children to have no obvious decay experience was reached at Scotland level in 2010, for the first time, all NHS Boards across Scotland have now achieved the target.
• P1 children from all socioeconomic backgrounds saw an improvement in oral health compared to the results of 2010, and the extent of disease continues to fall in those most affected by decay. However, clear health inequalities remain.
Background
The National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) is carried out annually under the auspices of the Scottish Dental Epidemiology Co-ordinating Committee on behalf of NHS boards. Its principal aims are to gather information to inform parents/carers of the oral health status of their children and, through appropriately anonymised, aggregated data, advise the Scottish Government, NHS boards and other organisations concerned with children’s health of oral disease prevalence at national and local levels.

Two key child age groups are involved: i) at entry into Local Authority schools in Primary one (P1) and ii) in Primary seven (P7) before the move to secondary education. The Inspection Programme has two levels: a Basic Inspection (intended for all P1 and P7 children) and a Detailed Inspection (where a representative sample of either the P1 or the P7 age group is inspected in alternate years).

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