

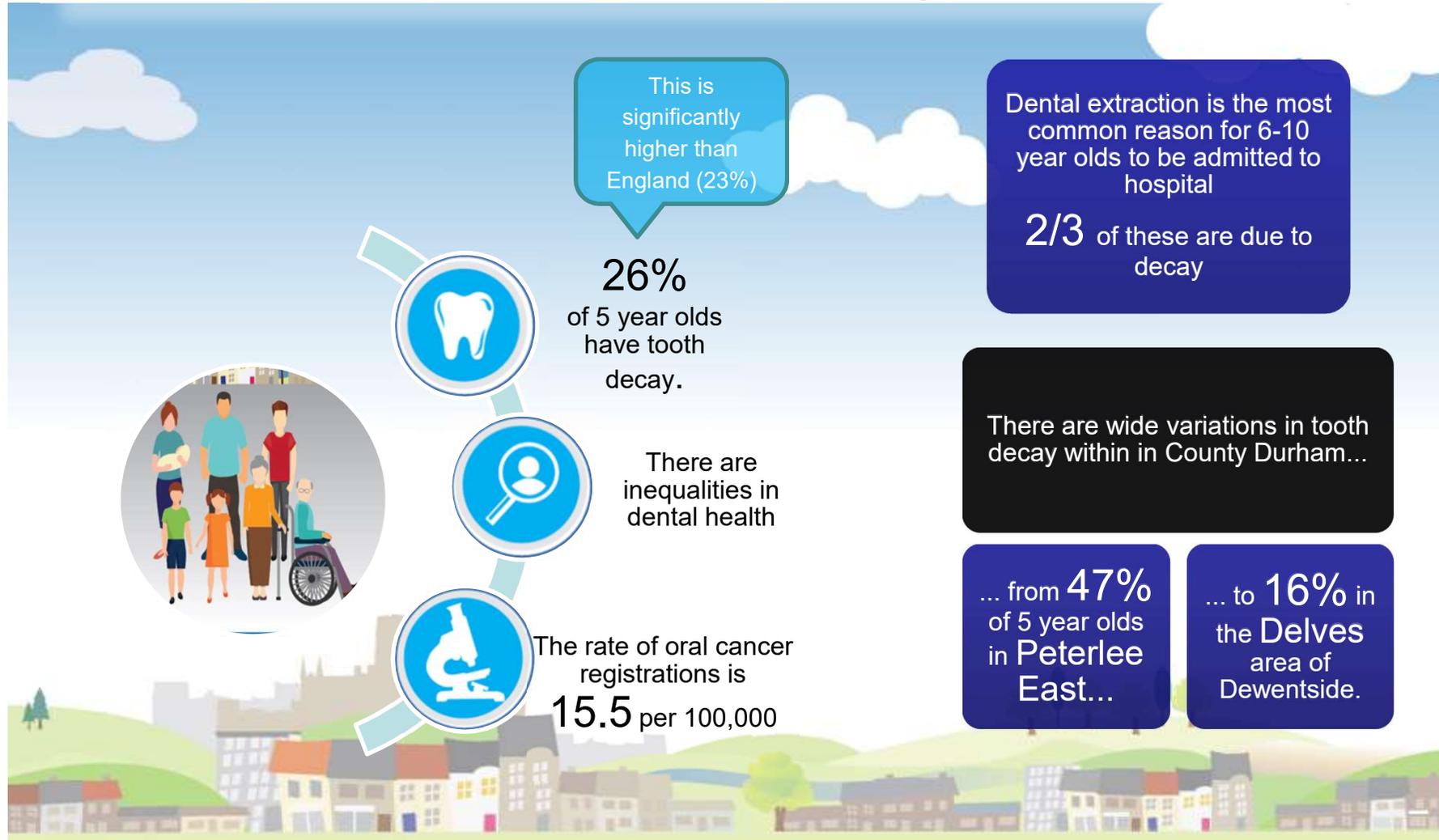
Oral Health Strategy Update

6th February 2020

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Oral Health in County Durham



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County Durham Oral Health Strategy 2017-2019

- To reduce the population prevalence of dental disease and specifically levels of dental decay in young children and vulnerable groups.
- To reduce the inequalities in dental disease.
- To ensure that oral health promotion programmes are evidence informed and delivered according to identified need.
- *NEW: Green paper prevention: consulting on oral health*

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Oral Health Strategy: Key Areas

- Best start in life and early years.
- School settings.
- Workplaces.
- Communities.
- Vulnerable groups;
 - SEND, frail / elderly.
- Explore feasibility to vary the community water fluoridation scheme.

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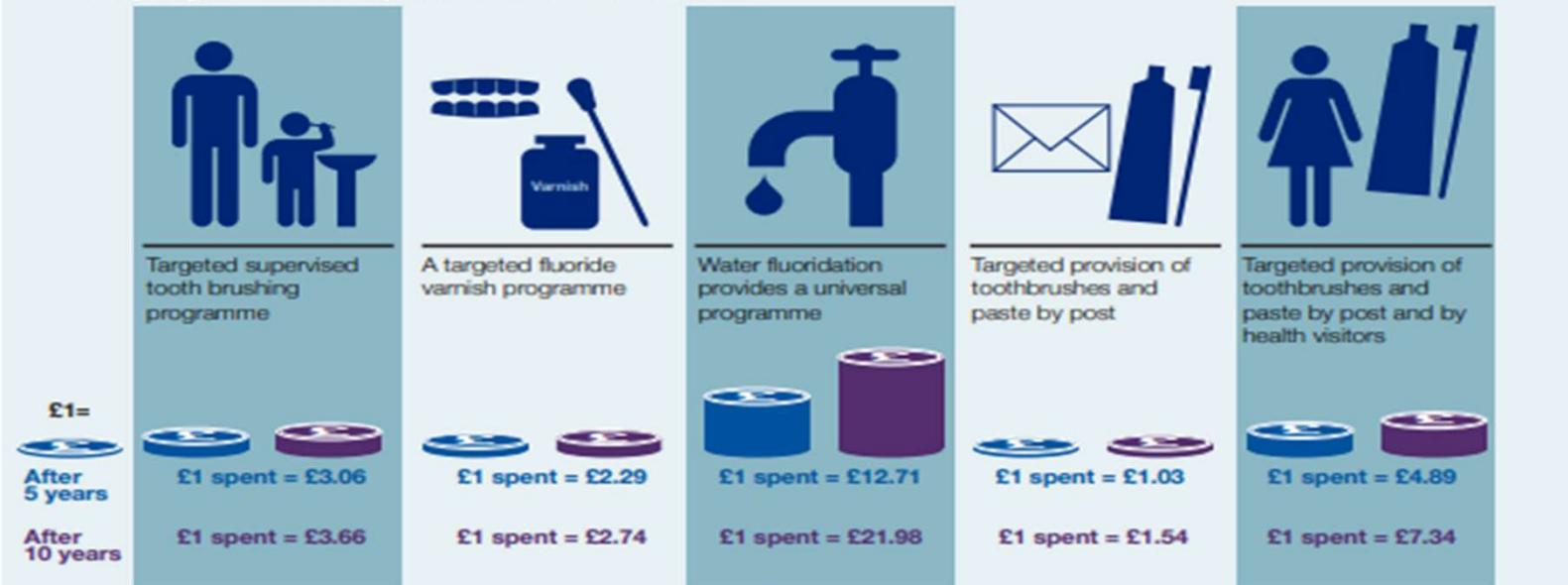




Public Health
England

Return on investment of oral health improvement programmes for 0-5 year olds*

Reviews of clinical effectiveness by NICE (PH55) and PHE (Commissioning Better Oral Health for Children and Young People, 2014) have found that the following programmes effectively reduced tooth decay in 5 year olds:



*All targeted programmes modelled on population decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft) index of 2, and universal programme on dmft for England of 0.8. The modelling has used the PHE Return on Investment Tool for oral health interventions (PHE, 2016). The best available evidence has been used in this tool and where assumptions are made these have been clearly stated

PHE Publications gateway number: 2016321

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Current Areas of Water Fluoridation

- Approximately 700,000 people drink water in the North East artificially adjusted since late 1960's early 1970's.
- Northumberland (Part);
 - Tyne Valley and North East Coast Northumberland.
- Gateshead.
- Newcastle.
- North Tyneside.
- **County Durham (Part);**
 - **Consett, Stanley, Crook, Lanchester**

Since
1970s

Natural Fluoride

- Hartlepool from 1840 (some flows to households in the east of County Durham)

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Due process (1)

- **Initial scoping phase**
 - **2017-2019**
 - Health needs assessment
 - Technical appraisal from Northumbrian water
 - Sunderland and South Tyneside
- **Commence statutory process**
 - **Oct 2019**
 - Cabinet report
 - Write to Secretary of state – seek approval operable and efficient
- **Initial consultation**
 - **Jan 2020 – Mar 2020**
 - Write to affected local authorities

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Due process (2)

- Establish joint committee
 - **Feb 2020**
 - Oversee the 3 month public consultation
 - Overview and scrutiny to run alongside
- Run independent 3 month consultation
 - **May – July 2020**
 - Not less than three months
 - Will report findings back to joint committee
- Decision from joint committee based on feedback from consultation
 - **Sept 2020**

Draft Technical Report Findings

- Northumbrian Water believe the scheme to be operationally viable and efficient from their professional perspective.

Costs

- The capital costs are in the region of £4,125 million.
- The revenue costs are in the region of 50p – 65p per head of population.

Populations impacted: methodology

- Options appraisal to consider best methodology.
- All have challenges - not a perfect science;
 - Water quality zones and number of residential properties combined with office national statistics estimates of people per household.

Populations impacted

- All of County Durham minus approx. 21,000 residents living in Barnard Castle and surrounding area;
 - Their water flows from Teesside.
 - They will receive all other aspects of the Oral Health Strategy.
 - An equality impact assessment has been completed.
- Small number of households in Cumbria, Darlington, Stockton, Gateshead and Hartlepool.
- All Directors of Public Health have been informed across the affected Local Authority areas through letters sent Jan 2020.

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Joint committee

- All affected local authorities have been invited to be part of the joint committee
- They have 12 weeks to respond
- Elected members from each participating LA have been invited.
- Joint committee would oversee the public consultation and make a decision at the end of the process

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Consultation

- Will be overseen by the Joint Committee
- Informed by a sub group of the water strategy group.
 - Group includes public health, legal, communications and consultations colleagues.
 - Considering an approach to communications and consultation which will be guided by the committee.
- 12 week public consultation will be developed based on information received
- Giving residents and stakeholders the opportunity to share their views

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