

	<h2>Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</h2> <p>10 February 2022</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Barnet Young Brushers Supervised Toothbrushing pilot Project</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Director of Public Health and Prevention</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A: Update Report from CLCH and LBB</p>
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<h3>Summary</h3>	
<p>Public Health and Family Services commissions the Oral Health promotion service for the London Borough of Barnet from Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust since 2014. The Oral Health Promotion service is part of the Healthy Child programme and has an annual budget of £59,000 from the Barnet Public Health Grant. From April 2022 the service will form part of the wider Healthy Child Programme services and will be delivered by Solutions 4 Health for the following 3 years.</p> <p>The purpose of the Oral Health Programme in Barnet is to deliver key messages on oral health for young children (up to the age of 5) and train any person involved in working with early years. It also raises awareness to parents of the importance of prevention of dental caries and by encouraging them to take their children to local General Dental Practitioners (GDP's) for advice on prevention and healthy eating to support National Oral Health Guidelines.</p> <p>In September 2021, funding was received via the North Central London CCG inequalities fund to introduce a supervised tooth brushing scheme into the most deprived areas of Barnet via the early years settings. This funding is to deliver to the settings, equipment and training to empower them to carry out supervised toothbrushing (STB) twice a day for all</p>	

their children aged 3 and 4 years. The project is funded to April 2023 with the intention that the EY settings continue the STB after this. 40 settings have been identified to take part.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the report and progress made in Oral Health Promotion services especially the additional supervised toothbrushing intervention in the most deprived areas of Barnet.**
- 2. That the Committee note that the Public Health team are planning to conduct a mini oral health needs assessment in 2022. The findings will be reported to the committee in the second half of the year.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

An update on Children and Young Peoples Oral Health in Barnet was requested at the February 2022 meeting. This report is about the Public Health commissioned Oral Health Supervised Tooth Brushing pilot project 'Barnet Young Brushers'.

It is widely acknowledged that dental decay is preventable, yet a third of young children in Barnet are suffering from tooth decay. Good oral health is integral to a child's overall general health.

Poor oral condition has an impact on quality of life affecting health and intellectual development through pain, impaired speech, embarrassment in smiling and laughing, poor child growth and low weight gain causing significant morbidity to the child and financially in turn to the family and society. Oral diseases are seen as a marker of wider health and social care issues.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The report provides the Committee with the opportunity to be briefed on this matter. They are empowered to make further recommendations should they wish.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1** Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1** The Healthy Child programme Board and Contract meeting will continue to monitor progress in Barnet.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.11 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's principles and strategic objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020.

The strategic objectives set out in the 2015 – 2020 Corporate Plan are: –

The Council, working with local, regional and national partners, will strive to ensure that Barnet is the place:

- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- Where people are helped to help themselves
- Where responsibility is shared, fairly
- Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer

5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 The Oral Health 'Barnet Young brushers' project is funded from the NCL CCG inequalities fund grant and there are no other financial implications for the Council.

5.3 **Social Value**

- 5.3.1 Not applicable.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.

- 5.4.2 The Council's Constitution (Article 7) sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as having the following responsibilities:

"To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas."

5.5 **Risk Management**

- 5.6 No risks have been identified.

5.7 **Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.7.1 Equality and Diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision making in the Council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the Council and

all other organisations acting on its behalf must fulfil its equality duty when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business, requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review.

5.7.2 The specific duty set out in s149 of the Equality Act is to have due regard to need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.7.3 The relevant protected characteristics are – age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

Not applicable.

5.9 **Corporate Parenting:**

Oral Health is something which is important to all young people and adults and as such is of interest to the Local Authorities children in care and corporate parenting function. The Barnet Young Brushers project is deliberately targeted to ensure the most vulnerable children at 3 and 4 years receive supervised tooth brushing.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.