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Circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE PH55) 36/16

Subject: NICE Public Health Guideline PH55 - Oral health: local authorities and partners

For action by:

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All HSC Board Directors – for cascade to relevant staff

Director of Integrated Care, HSC Board – **for cascade to:**

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Director of Public Health and Medical Director – for cascade to relevant staff
Director of Nursing and AHPs – for cascade to relevant staff

Chief Executives of HSC Trusts – **for distribution to:**

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Chief Executive, Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority – **for cascade to:** relevant independent healthcare establishments

Chief Executives of HSC Special Agencies and NDPBs

For Information to:

Chair of HSC Board
Chair of Public Health Agency
Chairs of HSC Trusts
Chair of RQIA
NICE Implementation Facilitator NI
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Summary of Contents: This guideline makes recommendations on undertaking oral health needs assessments, developing a local strategy on oral health and delivering community-based interventions and activities.

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Related documents:

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Superseded documents

None

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Action

Implementation:

As per circular HSC (SQSD) 37/15

Additional copies:

Available to download from
<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/safety-and-quality-standards/national-institute-health-and-care-excellence-nice>

Dear Colleagues

NICE Public Health Guideline PH55 - Oral health: local authorities and partners
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ph55>

The Department has recently reviewed the above NICE guidance and has formally considered it for applicability in Northern Ireland.

Decision:

Recommendations 2-6, 9-13, 16-18, 20 and 21 in guideline PH55 - Oral health: local authorities and partners are to be taken into account in designing and delivering services when undertaking oral health needs assessments, developing a local strategy on oral health and delivering community-based interventions and activities.

Recommendations 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 19 are highlighted for particular consideration in designing and delivering services when undertaking oral health needs assessments, developing a local strategy on oral health and delivering community-based interventions and activities.

No formal monitoring or assurance is necessary in respect of any recommendation

Action Required:

As outlined in circular HSC (SQSD) 37/15, only those pieces of guidance or specific recommendations determined for implementation require formal monitoring and assurance. Where guidance or recommendations are for noting or highlighted for particular attention, no formal monitoring or assurance is necessary, but organisations may be required to demonstrate how they have taken account of the guidance in planning and delivering services.

In accordance with the process outlined in circular HSC (SQSD) 37/15, the following initial actions should be taken.

1. HSCB/PHA
 - a. Identify a Professional Lead who will consider the commissioning implications of the Public Health Guideline and co-ordinate with any other relevant commissioning teams. This Lead, liaising with others in the HSC Board / PHA, will consider the plans received from the HSC Trusts **in regards to those pieces of guidance or specific recommendations where implementation is required** (within 2 months of receipt) as well as any complex issues they may have highlighted. They will identify any areas where regional planning / investment / commissioning are required, or where there is material risk to safety or quality. These will then be actioned immediately through normal commissioning arrangements or through bespoke arrangements reflecting the nature of the issue / risk.
 - b. The PHA will identify other relevant stakeholders and networks and disseminate as appropriate, typically within two weeks of receipt.
 - c. The HSC Board will ensure that relevant guidance is sent to the appropriate Family Practitioners.
2. HSC Trusts
 - a. Proceed with targeted dissemination, agree a clinical/management lead to coordinate implementation and consider what has to be done to achieve


implementation using a risk based assessment and baseline review as appropriate to support planning. These initial actions should be undertaken within a three month period.

3. RQIA
 - a. Disseminate the Guideline to the independent sector as appropriate.
4. HSC Special Agencies and NDPBs
 - a. Take account of this Guideline in training and other developments as appropriate.

To inform the planning process, please find attached details from the Departmental review. You should consider and take account of other relevant policies and strategies in your planning, as well as any legislative / policy caveats identified in the course of the Departmental review.

The detailed arrangements for implementation, monitoring and assurance can be found in circular (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/safety-quality-and-standards-circulars-2015-2016>).

A full current list of NICE guidance endorsed for application in Northern Ireland can be found on the Department's website (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/safety-and-quality-standards/national-institute-health-and-care-excellence-nice>).



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Appendix 1

Endorsed NICE guidance - Details from Departmental review

Reference Number	NICE Public Health Guideline – PH55 https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ph55
Title	Oral health: local authorities and partners
Summary of guidance	<p>This guideline makes recommendations on undertaking oral health needs assessments, developing a local strategy on oral health and delivering community-based interventions and activities.</p> <p>The recommendations aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote and protect oral health by improving diet and reducing consumption of sugary food and drinks, alcohol and tobacco • improve oral hygiene • increase the availability of fluoride (note: water fluoridation is outside the scope of this guideline) • encourage people to go to the dentist regularly • increase access to dental services.
Related strategically relevant policies	<p>Making Life Better - A Whole System Strategic Framework for Public Health and supporting strategies https://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/topics/public-health-policy-and-advice/making-life-better-whole-system-strategic-framework-public</p> <p>Oral Health Strategy for Northern Ireland 2007 https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/oral-health-strategy.pdf</p> <p>Primary Dental Care Strategy for Northern Ireland 2006 https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/primary-dental-care-strategy-2006.pdf</p> <p>A Fitter Future For All - Framework for Preventing and Addressing Overweight and Obesity in Northern Ireland 2012-2022 https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/framework-preventing-addressing-overweight-obesity-ni-2012-2022.pdf</p>

Inter-Departmental interest	None at policy/ legislative level
Legislative / policy caveats	<p>This advice does not override or replace the individual responsibility of health professionals to make appropriate decisions in the circumstances of their individual patients, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer. This would, for example, include situations where individual patients have other conditions or complications that need to be taken into account in determining whether the NICE guidance is fully appropriate in their case.</p> <p>Some pieces of NICE Public Health guidance are referenced in PH55 which pre-date the introduction of the process for endorsing Public Health guidelines. All Public Health guidance endorsed by DHSSPS can be found at: https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/nice-public-health-guidance</p>

NICE PH55 - Oral health: local authorities and partners

Recommendation		Endorsed for:
1	Ensure oral health is a key health and wellbeing priority	Highlighting for particular attention.
2	Carry out an oral health needs assessment	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
3	Use a range of data sources to inform the oral health needs assessment	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
4	Develop an oral health strategy	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
5	Ensure public service environments promote oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
6	Include information and advice on oral health in all local health and wellbeing policies	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
7	Ensure frontline health and social care staff can give advice on the importance of oral health	Highlighting for particular attention.
8	Incorporate oral health promotion in existing services for all children, young people and adults at high risk of poor oral health	Highlighting for particular attention.
9	Commission training for health and social care staff working with children, young people and adults at high risk of poor oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
10	Promote oral health in the workplace	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
11	Commission tailored oral health promotion services for adults at high risk of poor oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
12	Include oral health promotion in specifications	Taking account of in designing or delivering

	for all early years services	services.
13	Ensure all early years services provide oral health information and advice	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
14	Ensure early years services provide additional tailored information and advice for groups at high risk of poor oral health	Highlighting for particular attention.
15	Consider supervised tooth brushing schemes for nurseries in areas where children are at high risk of poor oral health	Highlighting for particular attention.
16	Consider fluoride varnish programmes for nurseries in areas where children are at high risk of poor oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
17	Raise awareness of the importance of oral health, as part of a 'whole-school' approach in all primary schools	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
18	Introduce specific schemes to improve and protect oral health in primary schools in areas where children are at high risk of poor oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
19	Consider supervised tooth brushing schemes for primary schools in areas where children are at high risk of poor oral health	Highlighting for particular attention.
20	Consider fluoride varnish programmes for primary schools in areas where children are at high risk of poor oral health	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.
21	Promote a 'whole school' approach to oral health in all secondary schools	Taking account of in designing or delivering services.