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Dental public health update for CHAMPS 14th Sept 2018

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Introduction

- Brief update on key areas of dental public health:
 - Young children: dental health latest headlines, current programmes
 - Adults: head and neck cancer: early detection and referral programme, developing dental practices to deliver MECC
 - Older people: latest survey headlines, current and planned programmes
- Current and future challenges: developing commissioning structures and ways of working



Young Children – what we know

PHE documents:

- Oral health surveys for five year olds 2017 (National Dental Epidemiology Programme)
- Extraction data: hospital episodes 2017
- Dental Health of 3 year olds 2013 (next 2019 -20)

Headlines:

Mixed picture of child dental health across Cheshire and Merseyside -

- 22% of 5 year olds in Cheshire West and Chester with decay experience compared to 43% of 5 year olds in Knowsley being affected (2017 data).
- A number of areas have also seen a marked increase in the numbers of young children with decay on deciduous incisor teeth – linked to prolonged use of sugary drinks in baby bottles.
- Over 2500 dental extraction procedures were carried out in Cheshire and Merseyside hospitals for children and young people in 2016-17 and more than half of these were carried out on children under 9 years of age.



Current and planned programmes

PROGRAMMES supporting oral health improvement for young children

Local Authority initiatives

- oral health packs
- supervised brushing / postal toothpastes
- Sugar campaigns /GULP

Planned NHSE Dental Practice Initiatives

- Starting Well programme
 - targeting children under the age of 2 years
 - promoting early dental attendance, and prevention
 - Consistent and correct dental health information to parents of young children.
 - Working with early years settings for referral to Starting Well practices



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Older people – what we know:

PHE documents:

- Survey of mildly dependant older adults –2018
- North West survey of services for older dependant people - 2013
- Oral health of older people in England and Wales – 2016

Headlines:

- More risk factors in older people which impact on dental disease
- Deteriorating general health complicates provision of dental care
- Evidence re links between poor mouth care and serious illness: COPD, pneumonia, cardiovascular
- Mild depend adults: oral health impacts on daily life for 16% people across C&M
- Patch dental care provision for dependant older people
- Variable skills and support in identifying dental problems and supporting daily mouth care

Current and planned programmes

- Dementia friendly dentistry programme:
 - working with practices to increase awareness and provision of appropriate care
 - diagnostic services and voluntary sector to promote dental attendance
- Improving awareness of dental conditions and support to daily mouth care:
 - Work currently in place: CWAC, St Helens, Liverpool
 - Planned: NHSE support for Mouth Care Matters programme in remaining 6 LAs starting this financial year.
 - Care homes and ‘care in your home services first – then hospitals
- Dental service provision for frail older people:
 - scoping of current service provision
 - Standards of care
 - Model of care??

Future challenges

Working within current structures:

- Commissioning oral health programmes by LAs?
- Inclusion of oral health in relevant service specs: CYP services, care homes etc
- Contribution of primary dental care to wider public health priorities
- Joint commissioning?
- Joint working across boundaries

Integration of oral health and dentistry into developing commissioning structures:

- STPs
- Localities
- Smaller footprints

How can the CsDPH in PHE in Cheshire and Merseyside support DsPH?

Ways of working?