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NATIONAL DENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: School Dental Inspections

The NHS in Scotland runs a programme of dental inspections of children in Primary 1 and Primary 7. This programme is managed and run by all the Health Boards in Scotland and Public Health Scotland (PHS).

The inspections are carried out by our Dental Inspection Teams with support from another team member. All are employed by your local Health Board NHSGGC. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

Dental inspection information that identifies your child will be used by NHSGGC to tell you about your child's dental health and need for dental care. If your child is registered with an NHS dentist NHSGGC may also tell the dentist about the findings. If your child is not registered with an NHS dentist NHSGGC may offer you help in finding a dentist for your child.

NHSGGC will share the findings with Public Health Scotland. This is in order that the dental inspection information can be used to help with the planning and delivery of NHS dental services across Scotland. Sometimes the information will be used to carry out research. The inspection information is anonymised for these other purposes where at all possible.

Information from your child's dental inspection will be held by NHSGGC and Public Health Scotland. The NHS will make sure that your child's information is stored safely, stays private and is only accessed by authorised people. This is in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018. All NHS staff have a legal and contractual duty to keep personal health information secure

and confidential. All staff have mandatory training in Data Protection and IT Security. Further information can be found on the reverse of this letter.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please call the telephone number above.

If you **do not want your child** to have this dental inspection, please write to us at the above address/your child's school within one week of receiving this letter. Details to include;

- Child name
- Date of birth
- School
- Class

Please include your child's name, school and class in the letter.

Yours faithfully

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The legal basis for NHSGGC and PHS using this information is to promote and improve the health of your child and other patients and/or to manage the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child's information: please see the Data Protection pages of NHSGGC at www.nhs.ggc.org.uk and Public Health Scotland at <https://publichealthscotland.scot/our-privacy-notice> for further information and the period for which the information will be held. Contact details for those organisations can also be found via those links. If you need help to access this information, please contact 0141 201 4218. Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/confidentiality-and-data-protection/how-the-nhs-handles-your-personal-health-information>