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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 NHS National Services Scotland (NHS NSS).

The inspections are carried out by your local Health Board NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC). The clinical team is made up of a dentist or dental therapist and dental nurse. All are employed by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC). High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

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

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) will share the findings with NHS NSS. This is in order that the dental inspection information helps 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 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) and NHS NSS. 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 new European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 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 **do not want your child** to have this dental inspection, please write to your child's school within one week of receiving this letter.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please contact me at 0141 201 4212 or by e-mail: Michael.mcgrady@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Yours faithfully



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The legal basis for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) and NHS NSS 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 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) at <http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/patients-and-visitors/faqs/data-protection-privacy/#> and NHS NSS at <https://nhsnss.org/how-nss-works/data-protection/> 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.