



From left to right: Head Teacher Paul Baker from Gulval School and Jo Trevelyan of the Brighter Smiles Oral Health Team at Smile Together with children from the school and some of their school animals

ALL SMILES FOR GULVAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Almost 200 more children in the west of Cornwall will be improving their oral health thanks to the support of Cornish Pirates, Dental Directory and their partner networks.

Brighter Smiles, Cornwall's oral health programme, has been delivered in Gulval School and Nursery, Penzance since September 2021 thanks to funding from Dental Directory and their key dental suppliers SDI, Acteon UK, Stockdale Martin/Oralieve and W&H UK Ltd who have grouped together to fund this Cornish school community.

Programme delivery in the school has been further enabled by a charitable donation from Cornish Pirates' supporters, raised during one of their pre-pandemic home games.

Toothbrushing clubs will be set up in Gulval School nursery and reception classes, fluoride varnish will be applied to the teeth of reception and year 1 pupils and oral health education delivered to all the schools' pupils with home education packs for the whole family to encourage good oral health care at home.

UPDATED DELIVERING BETTER ORAL HEALTH PUBLISHED

Public Health England has published the latest edition of the *Delivering better oral health* (DBOH) toolkit.¹ DBOH is an evidence based toolkit intended to support dental teams in improving their patients' oral and general health.

The fourth edition of the toolkit, which has been developed with the support of the four UK Chief Dental Officers, is intended to be relevant to all dental team members as it:

- Supports primary care dental teams to routinely promote oral and general health
- Facilitates the provision of optimal care, advice, and support for patients in achieving and maintaining good oral health
- Is an educational resource for dental schools, postgraduate deaneries and other providers and commissioners of dental teaching
- Is equally appropriate to dental specialists and their teams
- May be used across health and social care

- Allows commissioning bodies to implement preventive pathways of care
- Will be supported by resources to facilitate continuing professional development.

Whilst the guidance seeks to ensure a consistent UK wide approach to prevention of oral diseases, some differences in operational delivery and organisational responsibilities may apply in Wales, Northern Ireland and England. In Scotland the guidance will be used to inform oral health improvement policy.

Reference

1. Public Health England, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, NHS Improvement. *Delivering better oral health: an evidence-based toolkit for prevention*. Updated 21 September 2021. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/delivering-better-oral-health-an-evidence-based-toolkit-for-prevention> (accessed 28 September 2021).