

Left to right James Dunaway (dentist), Courtney Forrester (practice manager), Louise Thomson (dental nurse) and Gabriel Matthias Schoenhofen (patient)



INTERACTIVE TOWNSCAPE ON CHILD ORAL HEALTH LAUNCHED

Health Education England elearning for healthcare (HEE elfh) has worked in partnership with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (formerly Public Health England) to develop an interactive townscape on child oral health within the All Our Health elearning programme.

The townscape provides evidence and guidance to help health and social care professionals to improve child oral health and reduce oral health inequalities in England.

The townscape takes a place-based approach and features an animated town where health and social care professionals can click on various buildings, such as the town hall, dental surgery and school, to access information and evidence-based resources to inform action to address the poor oral health of the children they come into contact with.

The townscape also signposts the learner to other sources of support such as the NHS website, NHS Start for Life, HENRY's videos and Change 4 Life top tips for teeth.

It complements the four existing townscapes on breastfeeding, smoking in pregnancy, childhood obesity and conception and preconception care.

In addition to the townscapes, there are 26 bite sized e-learning sessions which cover a range of public health topics including early adolescence, immunisation and physical activity.

For more information and to access the townscape, visit the All Our Health programme page: <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/all-our-health/> and scroll down to the Interactive Townscapes section.

MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN GIVEN FREE FLUORIDE VARNISH

Dental professionals at Clyde Munro Dental Group have delivered over 100 free fluoride varnish treatments for children in some of Scotland's most deprived areas following pandemic fears.

The milestone was hit in October and has highlighted the commitment from dental professionals around the country to continue contributing, after some health boards put their application treatments on hold.

A large number of children have missed out on fluoride varnish treatments during the pandemic due to a lack of children's dental appointments being available.

Jacqui Frederick, Group Clinical Director at Clyde Munro, was delighted at the rapid progress the dental group made in ensuring that children were offered treatment at such a tricky time.

Jacqui said: 'We are very proud of our teams volunteering to provide the fluoride varnish clinics, giving up their free time to

deliver the service and hit the milestone of 100 children receiving the treatment'.

These fluoride varnish application clinics are part of the dental group's wider initiative, Clyde Munro Cares. Throughout the last 15 months Clyde Munro have also been offering virtual preventive sessions with children and their parents. These sessions are informative sessions centred around oral health for children aged 0–12. Each session is a 15–20 minute presentation on hints and tips as well as a Q&A on the benefits of brushing teeth.

Clyde Munro also carried out a prize draw throughout October to encourage people to attend the clinics. Everyone who attended the clinic had the chance to win two adult and two child sized electric toothbrushes, provided by Philips.

Clyde Munro comprises 52 practices across Scotland. The 400 strong staff now support more than 430,000 patients.