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David Tullah, Ghani Ghani-Rowlands and Emma J. Hingston explore and compare parents' insights for neglected and child protection cases: those of healthcare professionals

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1. Dental decay in childhood can have which of the following effects on children?

- A. ectopic eruption of permanent teeth
- B. reduced arch perimeter length
- C. crowding in the permanent dentition
- D. all of the above

2. Of the 250 completed surveys described in this paper, which of the following results emerged?

- A. 19% of children had already undergone extractions under general anaesthesia
- B. 19% of children had undergone extractions under local anaesthesia
- C. 10 families had experience of social services involvement
- D. 58% reported that their child had a dentist

3. Regarding the responses to Question 3, which of the following is incorrect?

- A. 93 respondents felt that Cameron warranted a CIN referral
- B. 4% of respondents thought that a child protection referral was required for Cameron
- C. 76.4% of respondents felt that Cameron needed oral hygiene and dietary instruction
- D. 76.4% of respondents correctly stated that Cameron needed dental treatment

4. Select the statement which is true in the current survey:

- A. most parents/carers did not realise that a dental abscess is often the result of untreated tooth decay
- B. for the healthy six-year-old, there were significant differences between HCPs' and parents' views
- C. in the case of a four-year-old boy with ear bruising, dental care workers were more likely than parents and paediatricians to correctly suggest child protection involvement
- D. parental perspectives and those of HCPs were largely the same

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