

## The Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children: Quality Improvement (Research) Activity Information Sheet

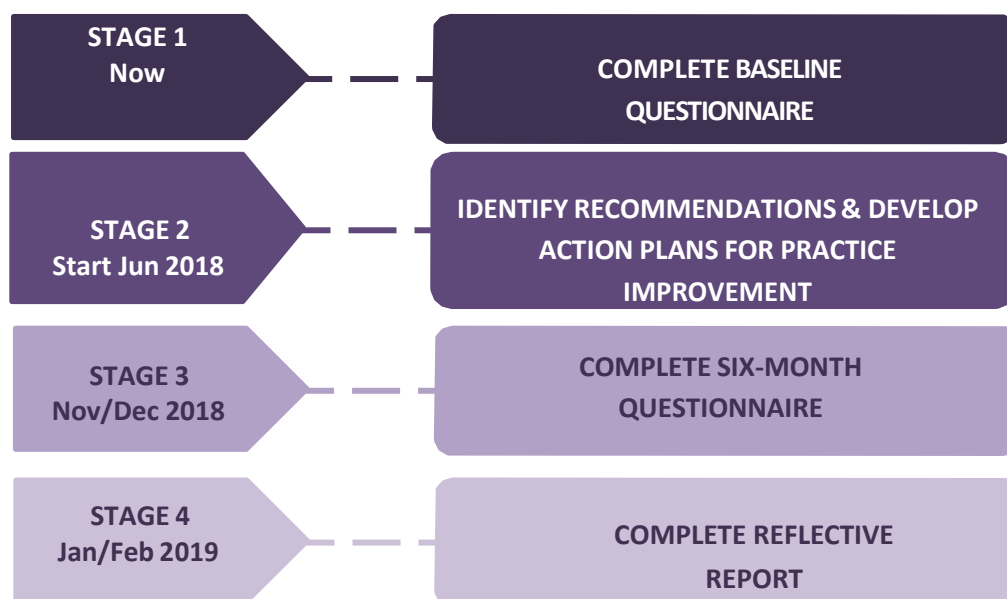
This activity is based on the update of the *Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children* (PMDCC) guidance which is being published by the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) in Spring 2018. Participating in this Quality Improvement (QI) activity has been awarded 3 QI (Research) hours.

### What is Quality Improvement (Research)?

All dentists on a NHS Health Board 'dental list' are required to undertake at least 15 hours of quality improvement (QI) activities during each 'relevant' 3-year quality improvement cycle. Participation in eligible research is one of the QI activities that can count towards this requirement. General Dental Practitioners can claim Quality Improvement Allowance in respect of their QI (Research) hours.

Please note that a maximum of 7 QI (Research) hours can be claimed in each 3-year cycle.

### What do I have to do?



**STAGE 1:** Complete the baseline questionnaire.

**STAGE 2:** On publication of the guidance, identify 3 areas of your current practice listed in Section 1 of the Baseline Questionnaire where your practice could be improved, develop action plans for improvement and implement these.

**STAGE 3:** Complete the six-month questionnaire.

**STAGE 4:** Complete a reflective report, which includes reflections on each of the recommendations identified in Stage 2, along with your overall reflections from participating in this study.

**It is entirely up to you if you wish to claim the QI (Research) hours awarded to participation in this PMDCC activity. If you do not wish to claim the QI (Research) hours, it is still important you submit the Baseline Questionnaire to help evaluate the impact of the guidance.**

## How do I claim QI (Research) hours?

QI (Research) is administered by the Scottish Dental Practice Based Research Network (SDPBRN) through the NES Portal.

- Once you have completed your six-month questionnaire, the research team will inform SDPBRN about your participation.
- SDPBRN will then add you to the PMDCC QI project on the NES Portal and the project will be visible to you in your 'Dental QI Projects' section of Portal. You can then download all documentation needed for this QI (Research) project from Portal.
- You can access the templates to be used for developing action plans and writing your reflective report [here](#) before you are added to the project on Portal.
- To claim the available QI (Research) hours you must upload a copy of your action plans and your completed reflective report via Portal following the instructions provided.

## Can I be identified?

The information you provide in your reflective report and action plans will be kept confidential. Anonymised information may be analysed to help inform quality initiatives in NHS primary care dental practice. It will not be possible to identify you or your patients in any report or other publication arising from this QI (Research) activity.

## Further information

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss any part of the PMDCC study in more detail or if you like further information about the QI (Research) component.

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