

ORAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN: A CALL TO ACTION!



Tooth decay is a preventable disease. We all need to **Make Every Contact Count** to help tackle it.

Please encourage families in your care to take their children to the dentist before the age of 1.

1 in 4 children have **tooth decay** by the age of 5 in Derby



Oral health survey of five-year-old children 2017.
Public Health England

Tooth decay can lead to:

- Pain
- Infection
- Difficulty eating, sleeping, playing and speaking
- Impaired growth and development
- Missing school



Oral Health for Children and Young People in Derby City.
Health and Wellbeing Board 2015

2,007 general anaesthetics were carried out for dental extractions between 2017-19 in Derbyshire Children's Hospital alone



26% of 1-6 year olds had **never** visited a dentist



Only 35% of children had correct toothbrushing habits

Ong et al (2018). A hospital based survey of oral health knowledges and practices of parents and carers in Derbyshire. Archive of Diseases in Childhood.

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