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TEETH TEAM COMMISSIONED TO BUILD A PREVENTION, ACCESSIBILITY AND TREATMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE HUMBER AND NORTH YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (ICB)

On 16th March 2023, Teeth Team was commissioned by the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to build an oral health prevention, accessibility and treatment programme to roll out across their district. The programme was signed off on 23rd May 2024 and went live on 1st April 2024.

Eight care providers are providing care for 30 primary schools in Hull, Goole, Driffield, Beverley and Withensea. Each school included in the programme has been selected with reference to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI). This index measures the proportion of children that live in income-deprived families.

The programme includes:

- Daily supervised tooth brushing
- Bi-annual assessment and fluoride application with positive consent from parents/carers
- Onward referral of any child identified as needing treatment
- Dental care automatically extended to siblings and parents of referred child

The programme is due to be rolled out further, across North Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, with a start date of September/October 2024.

Teeth Team Chair, Chris Groombridge, commented: "We are delighted that our successful Teeth Team model has been recognised by the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB, and that it now serves as the template on which their Humber and North Yorkshire HCP Tooth Brushing and Fluoride Varnish Programme is based.

We will be working with the ICB to ensure the smooth roll-out of the programme and look forward to seeing the resultant positive outcomes across the region as the initiative takes effect."

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