Publication Summary

National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) 2013

Report of the 2013 Detailed National Dental Inspection Programme of Primary 7 children and the Basic Inspection of Primary 1 and Primary 7 children

About this Release

This Report is the annual survey of Primary 1 / Primary 7 children's dental health, which informs parents/carers of the oral health status of their children and, through appropriately anonymised, aggregated data, advises the Scottish Government, NHS Boards and other organisations concerned with children's health of oral disease prevalence at national and local levels. In the school year 2012/13, the *Detailed Inspection* programme involved Primary 7 children.
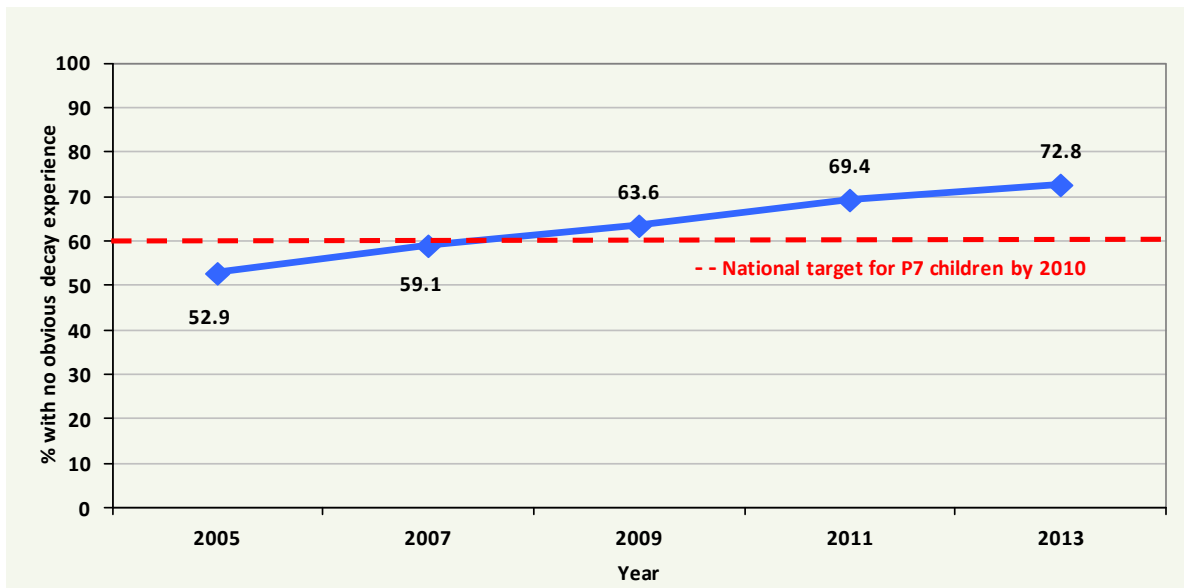
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Key Points

- The oral health of P7 children in Scotland continues to improve: in 2013, 72.8% of P7 children had no obvious decay experience in their permanent teeth, compared with 69.4% in 2011 (and 52.9% in 2005, the first P7 NDIP Report).
- The average number of P7 children's teeth affected by obvious decay experience improved from 0.7 in 2011 to 0.6 in 2013 (that figure was 1.29 in 2005).
- For the first time, P7 children in all SIMD deprivation quintiles have reached the 2010 National Target of 60% having no obvious decay experience.
- P7 children from all socio-economic backgrounds saw an improvement in oral health compared to the results of 2011, and the extent of disease continues to fall in those most affected by decay.
- Clear health inequalities remain, but the largest improvement in oral health is seen in areas in the most deprived SIMD quintile.

This chart shows how the dental health of Primary 7 children has improved since 2005.

Trend in the proportion of P7 children in Scotland with no obvious decay experience

Background

The National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) is carried out annually under the auspices of the Scottish Dental Epidemiology Co-ordinating Committee on behalf of NHS boards. Two school year groups are involved: i) at entry into Local Authority schools in primary one (P1) and ii) in primary seven (P7) before the move to secondary education. The Inspection Programme has two levels: a *Basic Inspection* (intended for all P1 and P7 children) and a *Detailed Inspection* (where a representative sample of either the P1 or the P7 age group is inspected in alternate years).

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