

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
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Category of information requested	H&SC Delivery – Assessment / Diagnosis / Treatment Workforce – Management of Employees			

Question/s to be answered

1. The Child Smile website says “within priority schools, fluoride varnish application should be arranged for twice a year”. Please provide confirmation of whether or not the fluoride varnish application was offered twice a year to each priority school and every eligible child within the last five financial years (2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23)

This refers to financial years for FV application. The Childsmile programme is run by academic year. This answer is by academic year.

2018/2019 Yes

2019/2020 Yes

2020/2021 No

2021/2022 Yes although lockdowns, closures and isolation meant many cancelations

2022/2023 Yes for 2022 and will be offered in 2023

2. The Childsmile website says “20% of children in each year group attending nurseries and primary schools are targeted for Childsmile”. Please provide a breakdown of how many children within that targeted 20% were offered Childsmile services in the last five financial years (2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23).

We have calculated this by financial year

2018/19 January- July Nursery: 465 School: 996

 August – Dec Nursery: 535 School: 993

2019/20 January- July Nursery: 538 School: 929

 August – Dec Nursery: 469 School: 893

2020/21 January- July Nursery: 0 School: 0

 August – Dec Nursery: 0 School: 0

2021/22 January- July Nursery: 0 School: 0

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August – Dec Nursery: 458 School: 791

2022/23 January – July Data not available yet

August – Dec Nursery: 143* School: 351*

This figure represents children who were offered FV between August and September 2022

3. How many nurseries and primary schools have participated in Childsmile within the last five financial years (2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23), with a breakdown?

2018/19 Nursery: 23 School: 27

2019/20 Nursery: 23 School: 27

2020/21 Nursery: 0 School: 0

2021/22 Nursery: 23 School: 28

2022/23 Prediction Nursery: 23 School: 28

From Aug 2022 – Oct 2022 Nursery: 7 School: 9

4. How many children were eligible to participate in Childsmile within the last five financial years, and how many actually participated (2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23)?

See attached document (13a)

5. What is the number of dental staff that currently provide Childsmile services?

All our staff are NHS and all provide Childsmile services – reception teams, LDU team, dental nurses, Extended Duty Dental Nurses, hygienists, therapists and dentists.

Please provide a breakdown by role (nurse, dentist, and hygienist), their status as self-employed contractor or NHS staff as well as how many hours a year they work providing Childsmile services.

Please provide the same information and breakdown about Childsmile dental staff but for the previous 5 financial years.

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