Arnhall dental Practice

Skene Healthcare centre

Discovery Drive

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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Re: School Dental Inspections 2022**

The NHS in Scotland runs a program of dental inspections of children in local authority schools. This academic year (2021/22), the plan is to carry out dental inspections of Primary 1 and Primary 2 children. The program is operated by the NHS in Scotland via the Health Boards and Public Health Scotland (PHS). The inspections are carried out by your local Health Board, NHS Grampian. The clinical team is made up of a dentist or dental therapist and dental nurse. All such staff are employed by NHS Grampian. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

Dental inspection information that identifies your child will be used by NHS Grampian to tell you about your child’s dental health and need for dental care. If your child is registered with an NHS dentist, NHS Grampian may also tell the dentist about the findings. If your child is not registered with an NHS dentist, NHS Grampian may offer you help in finding a dentist for your child.

NHS Grampian will share the findings with PHS. PHS will use the dental inspection information to help with the planning and delivery of NHS dental services across Scotland. Occasionally, NHS Grampian and/or PHS will use the information to carry out research. The inspection information is anonymised for these other purposes where at all possible.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please email gram.ndip@nhs.scot.

If you **do not want your child** to have this dental inspection, please write to us at your child’s school within one week of receiving this letter.

Please include your child’s name, school and class in the letter.

Yours faithfully

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The legal basis for NHS Grampian and PHS using your child’s dental inspection information is to promote and improve the health of your child and other patients and/or to manage the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child’s information; please see the Data Protection pages of NHS Grampian at www.nhsgrampian.org ([Data Protection (nhsgrampian.org)](https://www.nhsgrampian.org/about-us/data-protection/))and NHS PHSat <https://publichealthscotland.scot/our-privacy-notice/your-rights/> for further information and the period for which the information will be held. Contact details for those organisations can also be found via those links. If you need help to access this information, please contact gram.dpo@nhs.scot. Further information is available at:

https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/confidentiality-and-data-protection/how-the-nhs-handles-your-personal-health-information