

# Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP):

## Oral health promotion in the earliest years



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### Introduction

Children living in the most deprived areas of the country are three times as likely to have dental decay than those living in the least deprived areas. LEAP delivered an integrated, comprehensive oral health promotion (OHP) service in

response to the gap in local early years (0-3 years) provision. The LEAP programme prioritised families living in areas of deprivation in the London Borough of Lambeth.

### Methods

Using an evidence-based approach the service focused on:



Ethical approval was not required for service delivery.

### Results



### Conclusion

High levels of engagement and uptake within the wider early years ecosystem demonstrates the feasibility and value of a comprehensive oral health promotion programme delivered in early years settings.

### Key Messages:

Training the workforce and engaging local communities are vital. An integrated public health approach is important. Current national policy presents an opportunity to prioritise early years oral health.

LEAP delivered an evidence-based oral health promotion service that was well-aligned with national policy and priorities and made a positive contribution to the oral health of the children it engaged

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