[Insert address of CIC Health team/Social Care team]

[Insert contact details of CIC Health team/Social Care team]

Dear Foster Carer,

RE: Dental Pathway for Children in Care.

All Children in Children are required to have a dental check-up when they enter care and at regular intervals after this.

It is important that the Children in care Health Team and Children’s Social Care (including the child’s social worker) know about the child’s dental health to inform their overall care plan.

A form has been created to help inform the relevant teams about each child’s dental health. A copy of this form (Dental Assessment Form) is attached with this letter. It is essential that you book a dental appointment for [name of child] as soon as possible and take this form with you for the dentist to complete.

Please ensure you **complete section 1 of the form before the dental appointment** and take any paperwork related to consent or delegated authority with you. The dentist should complete the form at the appointment, and you can then take it to the child’s initial health assessment. If the dental appointment is following the child’s initial health assessment, then please [give the form to the child’s social worker at their next visit] or post the form to [Insert address of LAC Health team/Social Care team address to be sent to].

You may already have a local dentist who you know and can take [name of child] to for their check-up. Please contact them to arrange a dental appointment if so. If you are unable to arrange an appointment with a dentist that you already know, you can search for a local dentist on the NHS website:

[Find a dentist - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist)

Should you have any issues or concerns about finding a dentist please contact XXXX

We have included overleaf some links to resources which you may find useful in supporting children of different ages in caring for their oral health.

**Oral Health Resources**

**BSPD**

The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry provides resources for children of all ages and parents, guardian’s and carers on how to care for children’s oral health via the resource section:

Resources are available in the Patient’s section

[British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) > Patients > PatientInfo](https://www.bspd.co.uk/Patients/PatientInfo)

The following resources may be beneficial:

[BSPD's A Practical Guide to Children’s Teeth in English](https://www.bspd.co.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=-n8eXoNGonE%3d&tabid=187&portalid=0&mid=567) (available in various languages)

[Advice for parents of children with autism](https://www.bspd.co.uk/Portals/0/BSPD%20Advice%20for%20parents%20of%20children%20with%20autism%20Jan%2017.pdf) (also relevant for foster carers)

Kidzvids space: relevant videos for various age groups:

[British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) > Kidsvids](https://www.bspd.co.uk/Kidsvids)

**Better health, healthier families**

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>

Sugar scanner - <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/nhs-food-scanner-app/>

**Video – now you have teeth** (HEE)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSZGc9GNKhs>