

**Appendix Two: NHS England Oral Health Improvement Prioritisation Framework
Completed by Manchester Oral Health Steering Group August 2024**

Programme	Priority	Do-ability	Overall Score	Current Status	Unmet Need / Ideal Coverage
Commissioning of Oral Health Improvement Service	20	17	37	In place. Public Health commission a service with MFT Community Dental Service	Appraisal and review of local communities to further understand local oral health needs at a neighbourhood level
Targeted provision of toothbrush and toothpaste packs (0-2 Years Start Well Intervention)	18	18	36	In place from September following a successful bid. Toothbrushing packs will be distributed to all 0-2 year olds across Manchester with a targeted training intervention provided in the 4 family hub geographical areas. This will be distributed through Start Well network.	UoM Research project will evaluate impact on the oral health of children (and families) from more deprived neighbourhoods and other population groups experiencing inequalities.
Oral health training for care staff / carers	18	18	36	In place. MLCO Oral Health Improvement Team (OHIT) currently run two mouth care programmes; Mature Mouth Care Matters (MCM) covering the elderly care home sector and My MCM for	Capacity to promote cross-sector integration between care home, health service and dental would be more effective and increase capacity. Consider project to target residential care settings with high aspirational pneumonia admissions.

				other vulnerable adults, including people with a learning disability, poor mental health, dementia.	
Oral health training of the wider professional workforce	18	17	35	In place. OHIT deliver training to staff in education, health and social care, including students on placements.	Expansion of oral health training with more funding.
Healthy food and drink policies in childhood settings	16	19	35	In place. Healthy Schools include this in their curriculum offer. We have developed the Manchester's Early Years Healthy Eating, Healthy Smile Award which has just been piloted in 2 EYFS settings and to be rolled out to all EYFS settings.	
Supervised toothbrushing in targeted childhood settings (early years)	18	13	33	In place. OHIT programme targeted to schools within deprived wards and includes all those schools and EYFS settings. The current reach for this programme is 71 primary schools , 8 SEND schools and 56 PVI's total of children brushing is 9'125	This programme requires additional funding to add capacity to comply with NICE guidance for oral health in local authorities (nursery settings) in all deprived wards. It currently relies on income generation from external sources.

Targeted community Fluoride varnish schemes	16	15	31	In place through OHIT-delivered Buddy Practice Programme.	This programme requires more support from practices in those areas of deprivation and high dental need such as Harpurhey and Charlestown. Explore link with NHSE's new Quality Dental Access Scheme dental practices to see if this scheme would support this programme.
Protocols for oral care in care settings	15	16	31	All care homes that have received training have revised their oral care policies.	
LAC Oral Health Checks	15	16	31	Review the effectiveness of Social Care pathway and take up. Understand level of need.	Build on development work between LAC safeguarding team and high street dentists
Targeted peer support groups / peer oral health workers	19	8	27	Aspire. Not in place due to funding.	Funding would be required to improve oral health through local initiatives e.g. peer-to-peer support schemes
Use of dentifrices containing 2,800 or 5,000 ppm Fluoride (Vulnerable Older People)	16	10	26	Aspire	Both formulations are only available as prescription-only medicines and so require individual prescription or patient group directives (PGDs) in a care setting.
Dental professions applying Fluoride varnish	17	19	26	Aspire	Not clear that use of fluoride varnish as a community-based prevention programme would be cost-effective in vulnerable older adults

Fluoridation of public water supplies	18	7	24	Aspire	Requires regional approach.
Fluoridated milk in school settings	12	6	18	Eliminate	The evidence review and guide for local authorities commissioning programmes, classified this as limited value for oral health.