

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree that local authorities should be under a duty to ensure that food and drinks which they provide in their schools, including nurseries, meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required) *Important to raise awareness that although food and drink can be nutritious, it may not be healthy because of its sugar content, acidic content or timing when offered for consumption*

2. Where children are attending independent schools, and where the provision of food and drinks are arranged or funded, by a local authority, should the food and drinks meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

3. Should local authorities be under a duty to promote uptake of school meals in their schools, including free school meals?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

4. Should local authorities be under a duty to ensure that those taking free school meals can do so anonymously, as far as is practicable?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

5. Should local authorities have the power to provide children in local authority schools with free drinks, fruit, vegetables, bread or cereal based snacks, which meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required) *If children have access to food and drink containing sugar throughout the day they will be at greater risk of experiencing decay. If local authorities are given this power throughout day it is critical that oral health information is accessed and followed.*

6. Should there be a duty on Scottish Ministers and local authorities to endeavour to ensure that all local authority schools are health promoting schools?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

7. Any other comments? (add separately if required)

This is a very important document. Scotland has one of the highest levels of dental decay in Europe in its child population. It is staggering that such an important document was not sent for consultation to ANY GROUP of Oral health professionals eg BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
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SCOTTISH ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION ACTION GROUP  
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