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# Rossendale Dental Pilot



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## **What this presentation will cover**

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The beginnings – how the pilot came about

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Some interesting facts about dentists

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What are the aims and objectives of the Pilot?

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How the pilot will meet these aims and objectives

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Where is the Pilot happening? Who with? When?

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Next steps

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# How did the project come about?

- Approach made by a Dental Practice within Rossendale raising concerns that not many children had returned after pandemic
- Opportunity identified for some collaboration between CCG's, Children's Social Care and Dental Practices
- Dental assessment data at its lowest
- A chance to make a real difference for our children and "do things differently"
- Links with Health Inequalities Agenda (and funding)
- Something that no other Local Authority is doing.....well, not like us

# Some interesting facts about Dental Practices

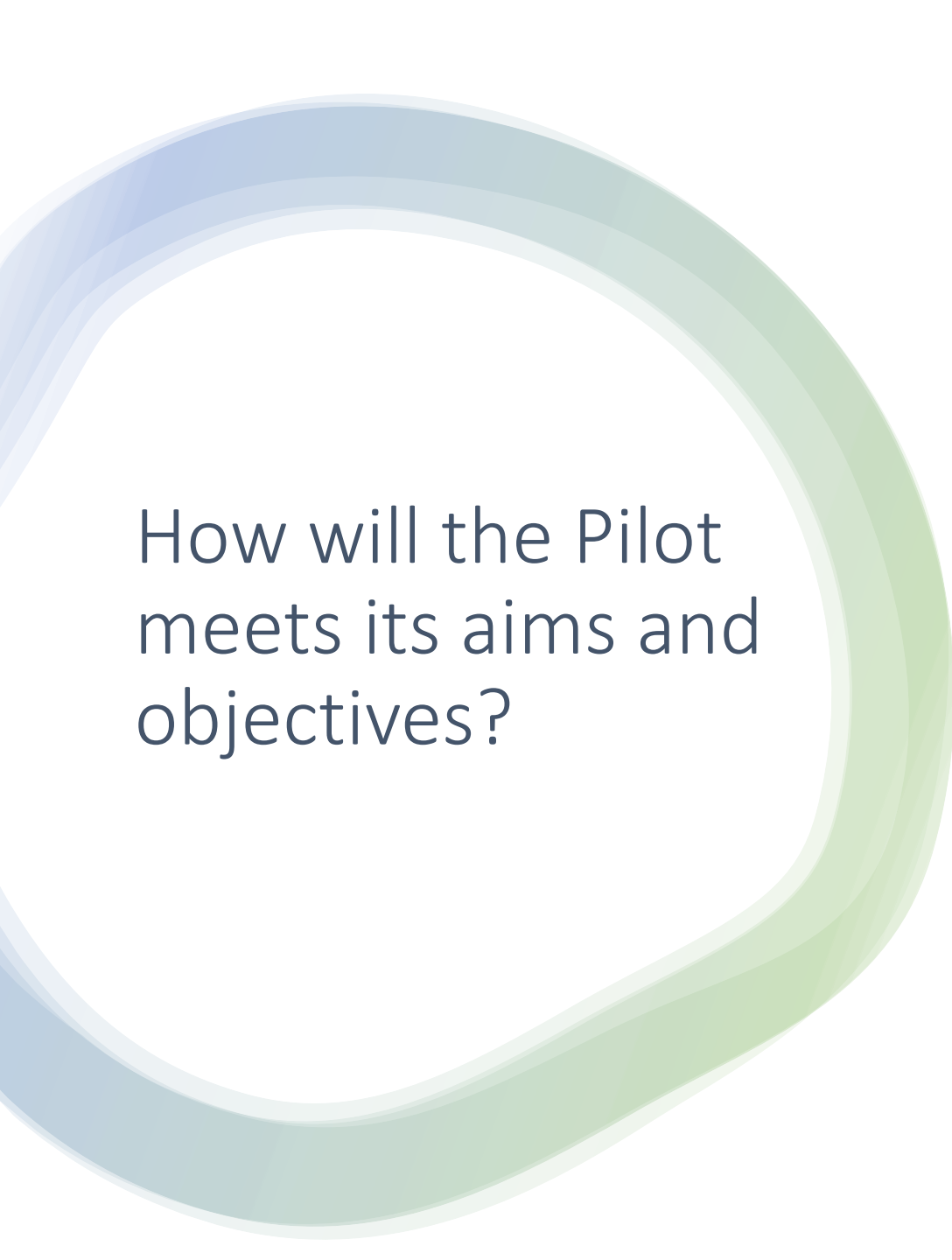
- Payment by results
- Work in isolation to the wider Dental Network – no transferring of information between practices (start again syndrome)
- No sharing of data or information in place – do not know legal status of children
- Knowledge of children in care limited – but keen to learn more
- Patients are no longer “registered” with dentists, they are now “known” to their dentist



# What are the aims and objectives of the Pilot?

- To improve access for our children to a dentist, dental assessment and dental treatment
- To improve communication between foster carers, dentists, social workers, health professionals
- To address the impact of COVID and prioritise our children
- To support real time recording
- To improve oral health outcomes for our children
- Promote and facilitate positive experiences of accessing dental care that can be carried into adulthood





How will the Pilot  
meets its aims and  
objectives?

### **Improved access**

Identification of children in our care

Increased awareness to foster carers, residential staff, connected carers, IRO's, supervising social workers

### **Improved communication**

Referral and contact paperwork (completed by dentists)

### **Prioritising our children**

Financial incentives

### **Real time recording**

5 day turn around

CLA admin process support real time recording

### **To improve oral health outcomes for our children**

Dental notes follow the children akin to medical notes

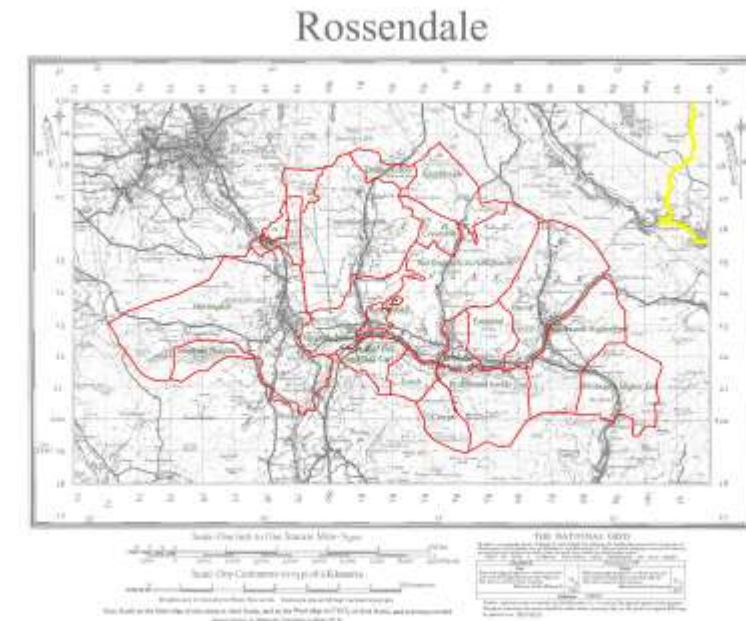
### **Promote and facilitate positive experiences**

Bespoke training package

Listening to what our children have said

# Where is the Pilot happening? Who with? When?

- Lancashire children who live with foster carers, connected carers, in residential homes, or with parents subject to a Care Order in Rossendale
- Looked After children who move in to live in Rossendale (foster care, residential care, connected carers, care order at home)
- Covers nominated NHS dental practices in the Rossendale area
- Children in that cohort that have an NHS dentist
- Children in that cohort who are not registered with an NHS dentist
- Started on 20 September



# Next steps.....

## Lessons learnt from the Rossendale Pilot rolled out across the whole the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint

- Formal evaluation of the Project by Post Graduate student from UCI and NHSE/I
- Foster carer feedback obtained to inform evaluation.
- Children's feedback of their experience gained via ipads in the dental practice immediately following their appointment
- Feedback from professionals involved (CLA admin, social workers, foster carers, IRO etc) about how they feel the pilot has worked, and any areas that could be improved





Questions?

