

# Association of Dental Groups



## **The Teeth Team**

Recent surveys and reports have highlighted the growing concern in the dental profession surrounding child dental health, specifically the high incidence of caries in children.

Although this is clearly a national problem, some local areas experience higher levels of child tooth decay compared to the national average. One such area that has been identified is Hull and the surrounding locations.

In an effort to combat this, local dental practices, including Association of Dental Groups (ADG) member 543 Dental Centre Ltd, have formed the Teeth Team, a recognised charity that aims to reduce the inequalities in oral health among children.

A supervised tooth brushing programme, the Teeth Team supports over 12,000 children, providing fluoride varnish, carrying out dental assessments and recording decayed, missing and filled teeth. The initiative then collates all the data gathered in an effort to highlight the costs that could be saved if prevention was higher on the public agenda.

The Teeth Team has a place on the Oral Health Advisory Group (OHAG) for Hull and is working with colleagues and organisations in providing advice to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The ADG and its members are passionate about advancing all areas of UK dentistry and continue to support deserving charities and initiatives that truly make a difference.

**For more information about the ADG and the initiatives supported by its members visit [www.dentalgroups.co.uk](http://www.dentalgroups.co.uk)**