

## Doncaster Local Involvement Network (LINK)

### Dentistry in Highfields Working Group Report

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 Doncaster LINK volunteers attended a Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) event at the Doncaster Racecourse. During the event members of the general public highlighted to the LINK that residents of Highfields had difficulty in accessing dentist provision. This was presented to the Executive Board and through its work plan it was agreed to address the issue. LINK contacted Doncaster NHS to raise this concern who agreed to meet with the residents of Highfields.

At the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010, the NHS was represented by the Oral Prevention Team and also the Commissioning Manager for Dentistry. During the meeting it was confirmed that residents of Highfields do have difficulty in accessing dentistry. Subsequently, the LINK agreed to produce a flyer containing contact information to be issued to people living in Highfields.

The meeting also highlighted that residents would welcome the opportunity to access preventative treatment for their children. In view of this a 'Highfields Toothbrush Campaign' was agreed to whereby all children attending Highfields Primary School would receive free toothbrushes and toothpaste funded by Doncaster LINK. The campaign took place in May of this year at which time 'goody bags' were issued to all pupils containing LINK promotional goods and, more importantly, a flyer with contact information for residents needing to access dental services. A great day was had by both LINK volunteers and pupils of the school.



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