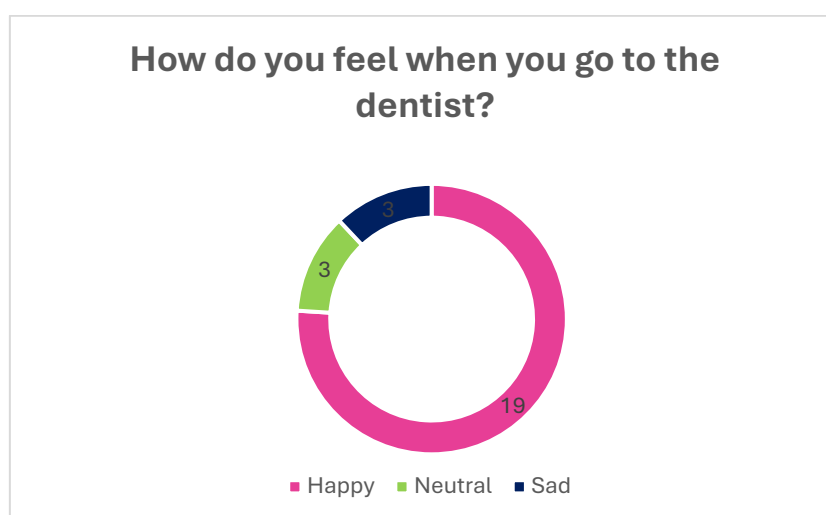


## **Rutland Memorial Hospital (RMH) centenary family day 17 August 2024**

### **Results of children's activity to hear what they think about going to the dentist**

To the question *How do you feel when you visit the dentist?* 25 children responded.

We asked children to draw a picture or draw around their hand and stick a 'happy', 'sad' or 'OK' (neutral) emoji sticker on the hand. Older children were asked to write what they think, if they preferred. The results were as follows:



**Happy = 19 / 76%**

**Neutral = 3 / 12%**

**Sad – 3 / 12%**

#### **Children's written comments:**

"I was quite worried" (age 14)

"Content" (age 10)

"I like the smell" (age 10)

"I want to be a dentist when I grow up and I have wanted to ever since I was 6. I feel safe at the dentist and I hope I can make others feel safe and welcome too" (age 13)

"I take care of my teeth" (age 8)

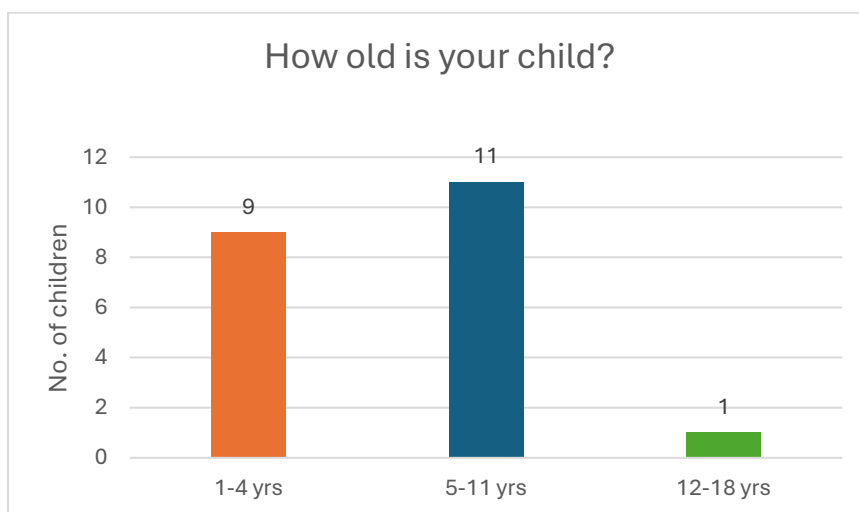
"I like it when there's nothing wrong"

"I like it that it makes my teeth clean"

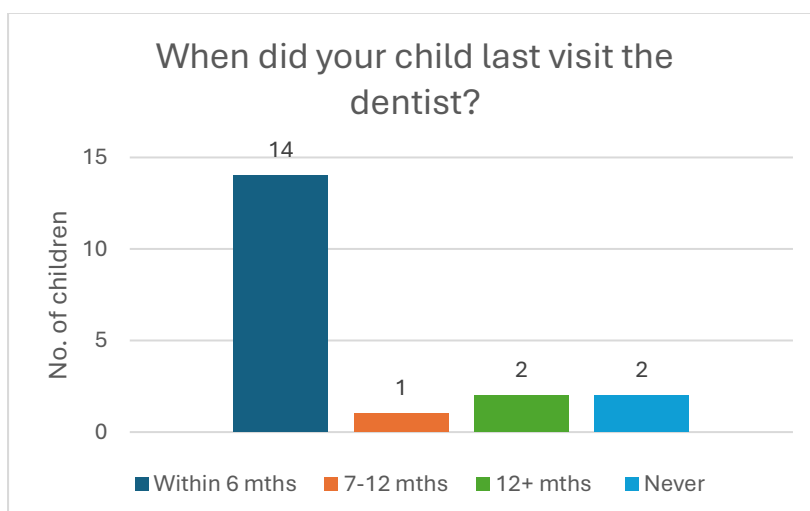
## Quick Poll for parents on access to children's dentistry

The poll was completed by **12 families on behalf of 21 children**

### 1. How old is your child?



### 2. When did your child last visit the dentist?



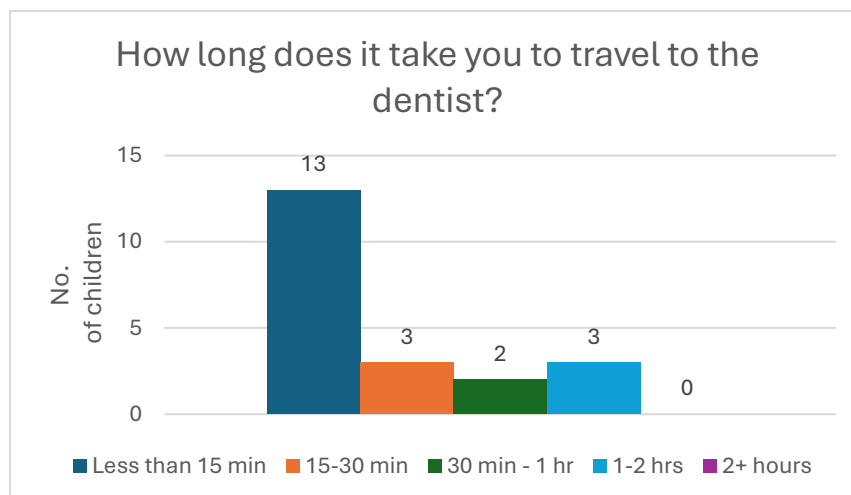
The majority, two thirds, have visited the dentist in the last 6 months

5% visited within the last 7 to 12 months

10% visited over a year ago

10% have never visited a dentist

### 3. How long does it take you to travel to the dentist?



The majority (62%) take less than 15 minutes to get to the dentist

14% take 15 to 30 minutes

10% take between half an hour and 1 hour

14% take between and 2 hours to get to the dentist

The results of engagement with families and children on the RMH family day will be analysed together with other work with children going forward, to create an overall report in quarter 4 of 2024-25, on children's experiences of care.

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