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Cymru Wales

Improving oral health for all

Priorities for the next Welsh Government and Assembly

5 pledges to deliver better oral health in Wales

1 Invest more in children's oral health

In areas of deprivation the innovative prevention programme "Designed to Smile" should be made compulsory and extended to nurseries for children under 3 years of age - funded by the sugar levy.

2 Make dental charges affordable

BDA Wales welcomes the freeze on NHS patient charges and calls for further fiscal measures to help the 388,000 who cannot afford to visit their dentist.

3 Advance the Health Boards

The BDA supports the OECD's finding that the Welsh government needs more concrete levers for delivery - Health Boards must spend their full funds for primary dental care.

4 Progress dental regulation

Regulation of dentists must be proportionate and appropriate for patient safety. BDA Wales calls on the Welsh Assembly to ensure regulations are progressive.

5 Plan for the future

BDA Wales calls for a truly prevention based contract, alongside evidence-based workforce planning with incentives to encourage the best dentists to train and work in Wales.