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## Sustainable Futures

### Proposal to make changes to the Childsmile Programme

This easy read document will tell you why  
Renfrewshire HSCP need to save money.

It will tell you how the HSCP will make decisions.

It will tell you what it means to people, staff and  
other services if changes are made to the  
Childsmile Programme.

It will tell you what happens next and how you can  
have your say.



# What is Sustainable Futures?



To make sure health and social care services are right for people, we have the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board.



They decide how the money is spent to run services.



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We are Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. We deliver these services.



Each year more people need help from our services.



Things cost more money now. We have to look at ways to save money. We call this Sustainable Futures.



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# Why might Childsmile change?



We have looked at different ways to save money.



If there are changes to the Childsmile programme this will save money.

**£109,000**

Changing the Childsmile programme would save £109,000.



The law says that we must provide some services to people that need help with health and social care. This could be services like home care.

There is no law that says we must have a service like the Childsmile programme. It is a national programme to help children have better teeth now and in their future.



If we do not make savings, we may not have enough money to run the services that the law tells us to.



# What is the Childsmile Programme?



The Childsmile programme helps children and families learn how to look after their teeth.



They help by teaching school and nursery children how to brush their teeth properly



They help by visiting families at home to give them support.

This is the part of the programme that may change.

# What could happen if the Childsmile programme changes?



Families may not get the help they need at home to keep their children's teeth healthy.



Some children may not get the support they need to look after their teeth before there is a problem. They may need to have teeth removed because of this.



Health Visitors will still help families with toothbrushing during three of their visits but extra support will not be available for families with this.



The Childsmile staff who visit families at home will be supported to get another job in the HSCP or board

# How would people be supported if the Childsmile programme changes?



Health visitors will continue to talk to families about tooth brushing at key home visits.



Children will still be supported at school and nursery to brush their teeth.



Families will be given advice on how to register with a local dentist.



The HSCP will continue to check on children's dental health.



# What will happen next?



There are events in June. You can have your say about the proposal to make changes to the Childsmile programme.



What people tell us will help the Integrated Joint Board to decide about the changes to the Childsmile programme.



The IJB will make a decision at a meeting in September 2025.



If they decide to change the Childsmile programme, this will happen from October 2025.



The dates and times for the events to have your say are on the next page.

# Events to Have Your Say



Renfrew Town Hall



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June



to



Johnstone Town Hall



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June



to



Paisley Town Hall



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June



to





# Online Events to Have Your Say



Older People  
Day Services



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June



to



Day Services  
Redesign



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



to



Autism  
Connections



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



to



# Online Events to Have Your Say



Flexicare



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June



to



Learning Disability  
Respite



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June



to



Assertive  
Outreach



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June



to



Heath Visiting  
& Childsmile



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June



to



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