

<<Insert date>>

Dear << insert name of General Dental Practitioner>>,

<<Insert name, address and date of birth of child>>

The above named child, whose parent or guardian has informed us is under your care, has been consented to participate in a randomised clinical trial, the aim of which is to determine the relative cost and effectiveness of fluoride varnish and fissure sealants in the prevention of dental caries in first permanent molars.

<<Insert name of child>> will be seen at six monthly intervals by the Community Dental Service when the mobile dental clinic visits their school to provide either the fluoride varnish or sealant treatment (depending on the arm of the study the child was allocated to). We have advised the child's parent or guardian that they should remain under your care. **However, if you would refrain from placing fissure sealants on first permanent molars or using topical fluoride treatments over the next 36 months that would be a great help in ensuring a valid outcome to the trial.**

If you have any queries regarding the trial, please contact us on the above telephone number. The study is being funded by the NHS Health Technology Assessment Programme, with the assent of the Chief Dental Officer and in collaboration with the South East Wales Trials Unit and the Dental Public Health Unit at Cardiff University Dental School.

Your co-operation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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