

Children and Young People's Alliance

Overview: Over the past 2 years CYPA have worked with a range of schools in deprived areas in South Yorkshire to improve access, information and learning for immunisations and oral health.

There is significant variation across the county, with far higher rates of tooth decay and lower rates of vaccination uptake in deprived areas. The Children and Young People's Alliance collaborated with clinical experts, youth workers and schools to work with groups of children to co-create educational materials for peer learning to support improvements. This innovative approach meant close working within schools, led by youth workers and supported by clinical teams to develop an impactful approach to transformation.

Objectives: To improve a) vaccination uptake & b) oral health for YP, particularly those from more deprived backgrounds

Results: One parent said "My child is more aware of foods good for the health of teeth and she now brushes her tongue."

Improvements occurred in:

- digital literacy
- teamwork and leadership
- awareness of cultural differences / impacts on health
- community engagement / school engagement
- health knowledge
- recognition for both pupils and the school
- parental engagement

More information: <https://youtu.be/XnNzNry8eLk>

