

# Involvement in NECTAR: **your voice matters**

## About NECTAR

- $\frac{1}{3}$  of young children in England have experienced some tooth decay.
- Many children are referred to a specialist dentist but this is different across the country.
- NECTAR is a 5 year project looking at what the right care is and what this means for children and their family.

## Family Panel

I would like to add you and your child, who has experienced some tooth issues and dental care, to the NECTAR family panel.

We will aim to meet 3-4 times a year for informal conversations to involve you in the progress of the study, so you can share your experience, ask questions and add your comments.

## How the sessions might work

- You can help me plan how the sessions work and how to involve your child.
- We will aim to meet in-person as a group in a community setting but 1:1 conversations will also be possible.
- Led by me, the sessions will be small, informal, welcoming and confidential. Our conversations will be treated sensitively.
- The conversations will be linked to the NECTAR advisory group meetings, which you can also attend.

## **Why your involvement matters**

By talking to you and sharing the progress of the study, we can learn from your experience and perspectives of accessing dental services.

Your involvement makes research relevant. It means we are asking the right questions and using the right language, which strengthens the work of the study.

Being part of the family panel means that your experience, whether positive, challenging or complex, will help to improve care for future children and their families.

## **Payment**

- You will be paid for your time: £25 per hour for meetings and for any preparation and additional work.
- The simplest payment method is with gift vouchers.

## **About Janine, involvement lead & co-ordinator**

- I will be working with you, to keep you updated with the study and to have 3-4 conversations each year.
- I will keep in touch in-between the sessions and you can message me with any questions.

**Your information and contact details will not be shared with anyone without your permission. Please let me know if you have any questions:**

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