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To: SACN

Subject: Feedback on SACN draft report: feeding in the first year of life

Dear Consultation team,

I would like to call your attention to a recent publication on breastfeeding and dental caries among Scottish children. The publication is attached for your perusal. This is the only longitudinal study to date including multiple assessments for tooth decay, to the point where caries trajectories from age 1 to 4 years were explored as the outcome. The analysis shows that breastfeeding duration was not associated with caries trajectories, after accounting for multiple confounders. It thus challenges conclusion 1 in chapter 9. In all, we believe that even if there are no actual benefits of breastfeeding on preventing decay in baby teeth, we should strongly encourage the practice.

I hope that helps,

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