POPULATION HEALTH PROBLEMS

Dental Caries

You are seeing 4-year-old Harrison for a child protection medical. This is his second medical for sharing lived experiences of physical chastisement with his teacher at school. He has recently moved to the area. Looking at his electronic medical records he has no other medical history. He does not take any regular medications. He lives with his mother and 5 siblings and spends every other weekend with his dad. His mother recently switched from smoking cigarettes to vaping.

Harrison was reluctant to be examined but when he opened his mouth, this is what you saw:



Image source: help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/oral-health

- How would you describe what you see in your report?
- What should you ask if you notice decayed teeth?
- What advice/support could you give and what could you add to the safety plan?
- What public health initiatives are in place to improve dental hygiene and what more could we do?

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