

Area of questionnaire	Comments from pilot (6 children from Eastman and 4 from Sheffield)	Changes made in final questionnaire
Q1. Do your teeth cause you pain or sensitivity?	One child wanted a chance to clarify further and say in free text that he only got sensitivity with ice drinks.	Free text box added
Q3. Do your teeth hurt you during toothbrushing?	One child felt the wording was odd here – she thought ‘during toothbrushing’ was not a phrase she would use.	Reworded Q3: “Does it hurt when you brush your teeth?”
Q4. Do you have to miss school because of your teeth?	Five children were unclear if this includes missing school for dental appointments.	Reworded Q4: “Except for dentist appointments, have you missed school because of your teeth?”
Q8. Do you feel scared or anxious about having dental treatment?	Two children didn’t like the ‘I’m not sure’ answer and would rather say ‘sometimes’.	Change answers in Q8+ Q9 from ‘I’m not sure’ to ‘Sometimes’
General comments	Ten children thought the layout was clear and understandable. One child said it would be good to have a free text option so children could add anything extra if they wanted to. One child would have liked a ‘rarely’ option for all the answers.	Add free text box for further comments