

Proposal of a public health programme matching the population's needs and the objectives of public health-policies

Why?

The UFSBD has always proposed targeted solutions for prevention and the management of oral health, taking into account specific needs, types of behaviour and environmental resources.

Our “intervention” should be envisaged at two levels:

- **“In the field”** focusing on populations: in schools, kindergardens, retirement homes, medical and educational institutions, workplaces, hospitals, prisons and so on. It helps to reach people that never go to the dentist, by focusing the prevention programme on the environment in which the person is found.
- **At dental surgeries**, where dental surgeons are consulted for their expertise in health and must fulfil their role in prevention.

For our programme of actions 2012 - 2014, we have selected five priority areas:

- **Childhood, infancy and pregnant women,**
- **The elderly and dependent old people,**
- **The disabled,**
- **Health in the workplace,**
- **The launch of a large-scale plan for periodontal diseases.**

And several types of action:

- Educational and awareness-raising activities for the public;
- Lobbying for regular oral health examinations: health path
- Involvement in the educational environment;
- Training of educators.

However, these subject areas and approaches are not exclusive. We are currently studying and experimenting other subject areas that may lead to action in the field of: the health of adolescents and young adults, the health of sportsmen and sportswomen, the health of prisoners and drug addicts, for example.

