

## The Editor recommends this issue's article to the reader

### Barriers and factors influencing communication between dental professionals and Child Welfare Services in their everyday work

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Reporting child abuse and neglect is mandatory for dental professionals in Norway since 1999. It is very common to observe head and neck injuries among maltreated children, and

the dentist can be the first to observe signs and to report it before other health professionals. In this way, the authors wanted to know which factors could influence the communication between general dentists and child welfare services, and also the barriers they face in their daily practice. Questionnaires were sent to general dentists from Oslo with a 75% response rate. They could conclude that collaboration and communication between child welfare services and general dental professionals need to be improved and highlighted the importance of using guidelines for reporting child maltreatment. This shows the importance of developing guidelines to improve communication and make difference for children.

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