Oral health assessment tool

Resident: Completed by: Date: **Scores** – You can circle individual words as well as giving a score in each category (* if 1 or 2 scored for any category please organise for a dentist to examine the resident) 0 = healthy 1 = changes* 2 = unhealthy* **Dental pain:** Natural teeth Yes/No: Lips: No behavioural, verbal, No decayed or Smooth, pink, 0 or physical signs of broken teeth or roots moist N dental pain 0 1–3 decayed or broken teeth or Dry, chapped, or red at 1 There are verbal and/or roots or very worn down teeth 1 corners behavioural signs of pain 4+ decayed or broken teeth or Swelling or lump, white, red such as pulling at face, roots, or very worn down teeth, or ulcerated patch; bleeding chewing lips, not eating, 2 or less than 4 teeth or ulcerated at corners 2 aggression 1 There are physical pain signs (swelling of cheek or gum, broken teeth, ulcers), **Dentures Yes/No: Oral cleanliness:** as well as verbal and/or No broken areas or teeth, behavioural signs (pulling at Clean and no food particles dentures regularly worn, and face, not eating, or tartar in mouth or named 0 2 aggression) 0 dentures 1 broken area or tooth or Food particles, tartar or dentures only worn for 1-2 hours plaque in 1–2 areas of the daily, or dentures not named, or mouth or on small area of loose dentures or halitosis (bad 1 More than 1 broken area or tooth, breath) denture missing or not worn, loose Food particles, tartar or and needs denture adhesive, or plague in most areas of 2 not named the mouth or on most of dentures or severe halitosis (bad breath) 2 **Tongue: Gums and tissues:** Saliva: Normal, moist roughness, 0 Pink, moist, smooth, pink Moist tissues, watery and no bleeding 0 0 free flowing saliva Patchy, fissured, red, Dry, shiny, rough, red, swollen, coated Dry, sticky tissues, little saliva 1 ulcer or sore spot under 1 present, resident thinks they Patch that is red and/or 1 dentures have a dry mouth white, ulcerated, swollen 2 Swollen, bleeding, ulcers, Tissues parched and red, white/red patches, generalised little or no saliva present, redness under dentures 2 saliva is thick, resident thinks they have a dry mouth 2

- Organise for resident to have a dental examination by a dentist
- Resident and/or family or guardian refuses dental treatment
- Complete oral hygiene care plan and start oral hygiene care interventions for resident
- Review this resident's oral health again on date:

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SCORE: 16

TOTAL: