

Keep Lanarkshire Smiling

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NHS Lanarkshire Moved to New HQ at Kirklands

The relocation of NHS Lanarkshire's headquarters to Kirklands Hospital in Bothwell is now complete. The new site houses staff members who were previously based at Strathclyde Hospital and Beckford Street with some staff from Cleland Hospital.



Kirklands will also be the base for some of NHS Lanarkshire's key dental personnel including Albert Yeung, Gillian Forsyth and Kieran Watters. The new contact telephone numbers for these individuals are:

Key dental personnel at Kirklands.

From left: Gillian, Albert and Kieran.

Name (Title)	Department	Direct line
Gillian Forsyth (Administration Manager, Primary Care)	South CHP	01698 858148
Kieran Watters (Dental Practice Advisor)	South CHP	01698 858318
Albert Yeung (Consultant in Dental Public Health)	Public Health	01698 858214

Main telephone number for Kirklands HQ: **01698 855500**

The new address: **NHS Lanarkshire Headquarters, Kirklands,
Fallside Road, Bothwell G71 8BB**

MHRA – a one-stop resource for the dental community

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is the government agency responsible for ensuring medicines and medical devices work and are safe.

The following link can be used to access relevant information:

**[www.mhra.gov.uk/
Safetyinformation/
Healthcareproviders/
Dentistry/index.htm](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Healthcareproviders/Dentistry/index.htm)**

This web page includes guidance, safety alerts and links to educational material for the dental team.

e-Den



e-Den is a web-based educational resource designed to provide an interactive learning experience. It also supports continuing professional development for the dental community. It is delivered by e-Learning for Healthcare, which is a partnership between the Department of Health, the NHS and the dental faculties of the three Royal Colleges in the UK.

For more information, visit: **www.e-den.org.uk**



The two finalists Albert Yeung, NHS Lanarkshire (left) and Matina Angelopoulou, University of Athens (right) were presented with awards at IAPD Athens by Professor Mark Hector, President of IAPD and new Dean of Dundee Dental School.

International Recognition for School Oral Health Resource

A poster featuring NHS Lanarkshire's oral health resource for secondary schools was shortlisted for the *Bright Smiles – Bright Futures Award*, in Athens. The resource, which was designed and developed by the Health Improvement Department, was commended at the 23rd International Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) held from 15 to 18 June 2011. The competition aimed to showcase individual organisation's creativity in implementing a preventive oral health community programme serving children.

Two DVDs were produced for the resource. The first DVD combined interviews, cartoons, quizzes, documentaries and the opinions of the young stars of the DVD on oral health and nutrition. Video clip from the DVD is available from the following website:

www.fpsmedia.org.uk/video-solutions/case-studies/case-study-smile

The second DVD was adapted for use with pupils that have additional support needs using Makaton – a method of communication using signs and symbols.

There were also two A4-size colour brochures. One contained teaching materials for three oral health sessions, while the other was a set of worksheets with practical ideas for activities to reinforce the learning.

Benchtop Steam Sterilisers in Primary Care Dental Services

Scottish Health Technologies Group (SHTG) has recently issued the following advice:

ADVICE STATEMENT 003/11

Following an assessment of the current literature, SHTG has determined that there is lack of evidence to conclude that the provision of benchtop steam vacuum sterilisers in primary care dental practices in Scotland would increase patient safety and thereby justify the cost.

For more information, visit:

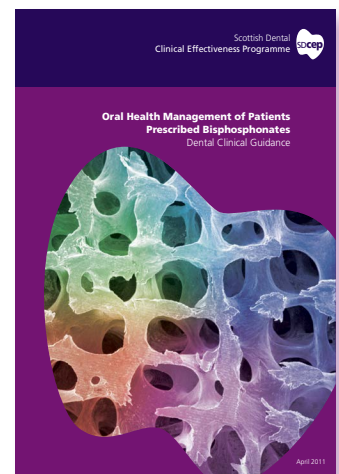
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/default.aspx?page=12798

Communication with GPs

To increase efficiency sending information to dental practices, the Primary Care Department is introducing electronic transmission of NHS circulars and general communications e.g. this newsletter. This will save time, space and money and allow dentists to store information electronically, which they will be able to access remote from the practice via their nhs.net accounts.

Oral Health Management of Patients Prescribed Bisphosphonates

The Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) has published the guidance *Oral Health Management of Patients Prescribed Bisphosphonates*. This is because there is an increased risk of oral health complications for patients prescribed bisphosphonate drugs (Bisphosphonate-related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw). This guidance provides clear and practical advice for dentists in primary care on how to provide care for patients prescribed these drugs.



To download a pdf copy of the guidance, visit:

www.sdcep.org.uk/index.aspx?o=3017

Leaflet on NHS Dental Services

A leaflet has been published recently on how to use NHS dental services, including:

- How to find an NHS dentist
- What happens after you have registered
- What treatment you can get as an NHS patient
- How to get dental treatment in an emergency
- How to find out more about dental services in Scotland

The leaflet can be downloaded from:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/339804/0112366.pdf

Phone Number for Implants Patients

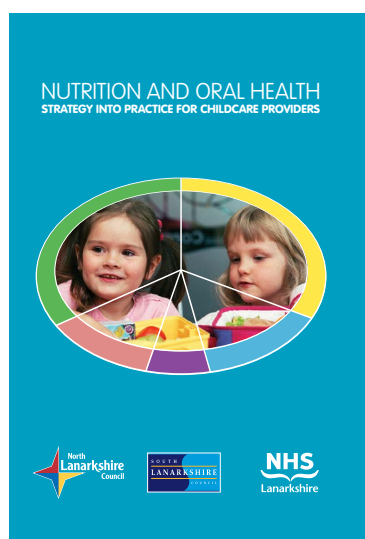
NHS Lanarkshire has been informed by NHS 24 that due to the specialised nature of implants, it has been difficult for NHS 24 Dental Nurse Advisors and clinical dental staff in out-of-hours emergency dental clinics to provide appropriate advice to patients on the management of problems with implants.

Therefore it has been requested to inform dental practices which provide dental implants that they should make arrangements for patients to access a separate out-of-hours emergency telephone number for their practice.

Nutrition and Oral Health: Strategy into Practice for Childcare Providers

NHS Lanarkshire and partners have recently revised Lanarkshire's Nutrition and Oral Health Pack which aims to support childcare providers to improve the nutrition and oral health of children in their care. Copies of the revised pack are being distributed to childcare providers and relevant agencies across Lanarkshire, with training available to support its implementation.

The resource and training aims to update staff knowledge in healthy eating, physical activity and oral health and provide guidelines on optimal nutrition and oral health, ensuring that appropriate food choices are available to children in childcare settings.



There are two versions available:

Nutrition and Oral Health: Strategy into Practice in the Early Years for childcare providers looking after children in the early years settings.

www.nhslanarkshire.org.uk/HealthyLiving/Oral/Documents/Nutrition-Oral-Health-Early-Years-Practice-Strategy.pdf

Nutrition and Oral Health: Strategy into Practice for Childcare Providers which is aimed at childcare providers looking after children aged over 5 years such as out-of-school care services.

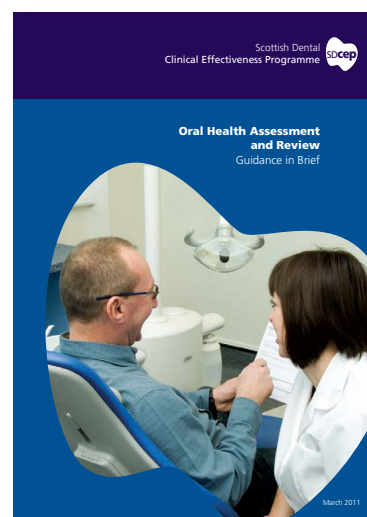
www.nhslanarkshire.org.uk/HealthyLiving/Oral/Documents/Nutrition-Oral-Health-Childcare-Providers-Practice-Strategy.pdf

Oral Health Assessment and Review

Oral Health Assessment and Review aims to facilitate the move from a restorative approach to patient care to a preventive and long term approach that is risk based and meets the needs of the individual patients. Printed copies of the Guidance in Brief and Quick Reference Guide have been distributed to all dentists in Scotland.

Copies can also be downloaded from:

www.sdcep.org.uk/index.aspx?o=3077



Smile4life Report: The Oral Health of Homeless People Across Scotland

During 2009 and 2010 a survey of homeless people was undertaken across seven NHS Board areas, including Lanarkshire. The survey looked at the oral health of this population along with their psychosocial health in an effort to determine any links between the two.

The Smile4life Report was launched at an event held on 19 May 2011 at the Dementia Services Development Centre, University of Stirling. During the event, a presentation was made to provide: a policy background to the report; an introduction to the typologies of homelessness; homeless people's experiences and challenges when accessing dental care; and recommendations to improve preventive dental services, service access and delivery.

Results of the survey are being used to design an oral health improvement programme for homeless people. It was noted that in Lanarkshire a large number of practices are accepting homeless people for treatment under the NHS.

For more information and to download a pdf copy of the report, visit:

www.dundee.ac.uk/dhsru/news/Smile4life.htm



International Children's Games Comes to Lanarkshire



Lanarkshire made history as the first Scottish host of the International Children's Games (ICG), the world's biggest youth sporting event. ICG 2011 was held from 3 to 8 August

2011 in eight sporting venues across Lanarkshire, involving 1300 competitors and coaches, representing 77 cities from 33 countries. NHS Lanarkshire's oral health team extended its own

News Extra

Retirement of GDP David Collington, longstanding Audit Committee member

New Dental Audit Committee members – Kevin Mitchell, Jason Munro, Aileen Ross

Laura Milby is now Chair of GP sub-committee, Area Dental Advisory Committee

welcome to the young athletes by providing free oral health packs at the Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, Motherwell.

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