

Winning Special Smiles

A dental project carried out in NHS Lanarkshire has won a national award and was shortlisted for an international one after working to improve the oral health of children with physical disabilities and/or sensory or learning impairments.

The Special Smiles Dental Project, a collaboration between NHS Lanarkshire and Action for Sick Children Scotland (ASCS), won the National Oral Health Promotion Group (NOHPG) Patron's Prize at the NOHPG conference in Manchester and was one of four finalists at the Bright Smiles-Bright Futures Award, at the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry's 25th Congress in Glasgow.

The project's specially developed dental playbox is used in schools which teach children with additional and complex support needs. The ASCS special smiles staff members use the resources to help reduce these children's anxieties about the dentist and improve their oral health through preventative measures.

NHS Lanarkshire consultant in dental public health, Albert Yeung, has promoted the work and is a member of the Special Smiles Project Advisory Group. He collected the national award on behalf of NHS Lanarkshire and ASCS.



Jenny Godson MBE (right), Patron of National Oral Health Promotion Group, presents the Patron's Prize certificate to Albert Yeung



Sitting on dental stool Lesley Sheridan based in Hairmyres, with from left to right; Margaret Lynch from Monklands; Nicola Jamieson who works between all three sites; Stacey Panton from Monklands; Mandy Taylor from Wishaw; Suzanne Brock from Hairmyres and on the dental chair is Sarah Forbes from Wishaw.

Dental nurses gained orthodontic qualification

Seven NHS Lanarkshire orthodontic nurses have completed the post qualification certificate in Orthodontic Dental Nursing.

Frances Queen, senior dental nurse for orthodontics, said: "This can only be good for patients and we are delighted that seven dental nurses have shown the level of commitment required to successfully complete this course.

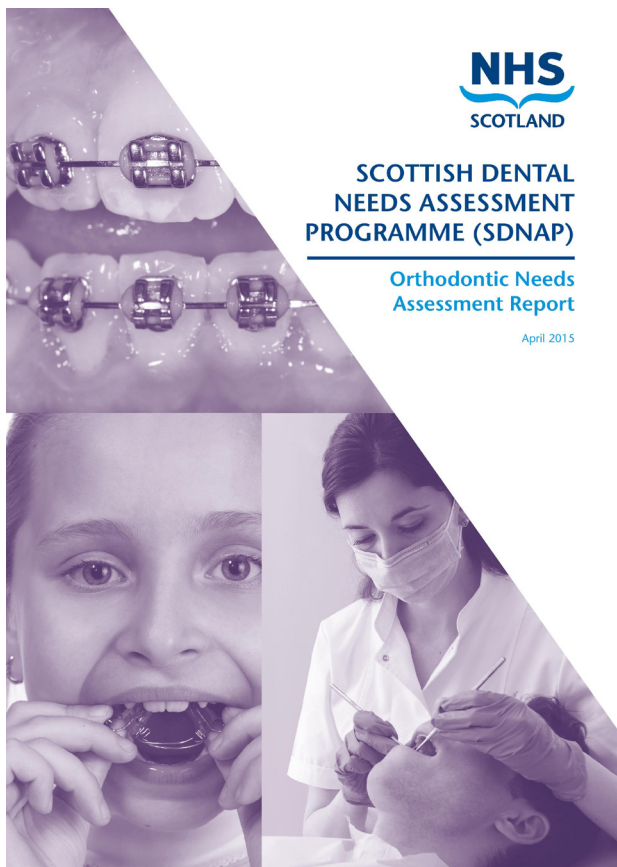
"The qualification allows them to more effectively and efficiently support the delivery of the consultant led Lanarkshire wide orthodontic service."

Orthodontic Needs Assessment Report

The Scottish Dental Needs Assessment Programme orthodontic report was formally launched in April 2015.

The purpose of needs assessment was to assess the current and desired level of orthodontic service provision and to identify key issues that are affecting the orthodontic service provision in Scotland. This was conducted against the background of the introduction of the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) in October 2011 to qualify for NHS orthodontic treatment and the changing demand for and cost of orthodontic care. The recommendations within the report are aimed at reducing dental health inequalities.

In all 17 recommendations relevant to the future provision of orthodontic care were provided and a copy of the report can be accessed via www.scottishdental.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/SDNAP-ortho-report_WEB.pdf



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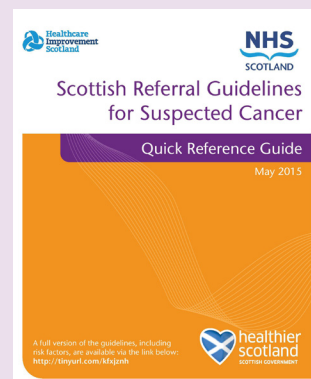
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Scottish referral guidelines for suspected cancer

The Scottish referral guidelines for suspected cancer were revised last year. A quick reference guide of these guidelines was also published in May 2015.

These revised guidelines aim to facilitate appropriate referral between primary and secondary care. They can be downloaded from Healthcare Improvement Scotland website:

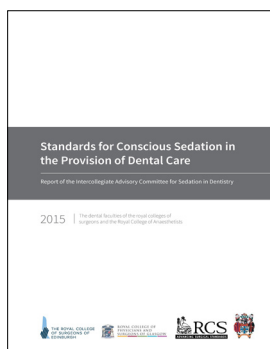
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/cancer_care_improvement/programme_resources/scottish_referral_guidelines.aspx



Standards for Conscious Sedation

Standards for Conscious Sedation in the Provision of Dental Care was published by the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee on Sedation in Dentistry in April 2015. This introduces new standards for conscious sedation. At present all practising sedationists can continue to provide sedation but should be aware of the content of the new guidance, and take note of any forthcoming guidance from the Chief Dental Officer and/or Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme in relation to sedation.

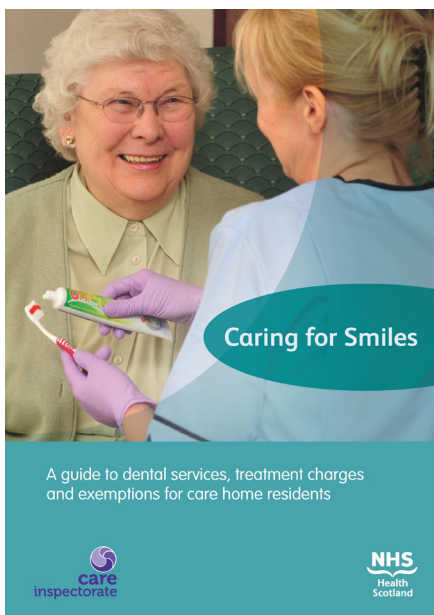
The report is available at www.rcseng.ac.uk/fds/publications-clinical-guidelines/standards-for-conscious-sedation-in-the-provision-of-dental-care-2015



New dental guide for care home residents

The *Caring for Smiles* guide is intended to give care home managers, staff and residents' families the essential information to help them to ensure residents receive the most appropriate and timely dental treatment from the dental service that is best suited to their needs.

It explains the differences between the types of dental services available in Scotland and includes information on the role of the NHS Public Dental Service. There is a section on what care homes should do when a resident needs to see a dentist and another on the dental charges and exemptions most likely to apply to residents. An explanation of the forms and exemption certificates is included, as is information on automated checks conducted by NHS Counter Fraud Services.



It is available at www.healthscotland.com/documents/25418.aspx



Oral health improvement and dental services in Scottish prisons: Guidance for NHS Boards was published on 15 July 2015. This guidance sets out a range of measures to improve the oral health of prisoners and describes how dental services for prisoners should be delivered in the future. It is available at www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/07/2508/0

Since taking over responsibility for the dental service in HMP Shotts in 2011, the Public Dental Service has brought dental emergencies under control, introduced CS R4 software, introduced a digital x-ray system, outsourced decontamination to Synergy Health, introduced an oral health education service, developed a team of staff who can work in the prison and introduced a wide range of standard operating procedures.

In addition, the number of sessions when a dentist is available has been increased from two to eight per week. Two sessions per week dental hygienist service has also been established. More routine dental care is being provided. The number of complaints received about dental care from prisoners has fallen dramatically.

Scottish Oral Health Research Collaboration

The first Scottish Oral Health Research Collaboration conference was held at the Stirling Highland Hotel earlier this year. Chief Dental Officer, Margie Taylor, opened and closed the event and Professor Paul Speight gave the keynote address. Presentations are available at <http://sohrc.org>



New President of BDA West of Scotland Branch



An East Kilbride dentist has been named the President of the West of Scotland Branch of the British Dental Association.

Robbie Thomson, a GDP and practice owner of the Grey Gables dental practice in the Village in East Kilbride, said he was delighted to be chosen.

A dentist for 34 years, he said: "It's a real honour when you're chosen for such a prestigious position like this by your peers.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenge this office will bring over the next year."

For the past two decades Robbie has been involved in the teaching and training of young dentists, both at Glasgow Dental School and in general practice. After 32 years treating patients at Grey Gables, he says that the day-to-day interaction with his patients is what he really enjoys.

He continued: "I've looked after so many patients – often different generations of the same families – and it means a great deal that so many have trusted the practice with their dental care over the decades."

We need your help!

Health Improvement and NHS Lanarkshire's Stop Smoking Service are looking for dental practices to work with them to set up a direct referral system for your practice for patients who smoke and wish to stop. This can be tailored to the needs of your practices and designed with your practice in mind. If you would like to discuss further, please contact Celia Briffa-Watt on celia.briffa-watt@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk



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International Centre for Oral Health Inequalities Research and Policy

International Centre for Oral Health Inequalities Research and Policy has recently published the monograph *Social inequalities in oral health: from evidence to action*.

The monograph outlines the need for urgent action to tackle oral health inequalities through public health action on the underlying causes. It reviews the nature, patterns and impact of oral health inequalities and outlines the evidence on the social determinants of these. Finally, the document considers policy and research action required.

It is available at www.icohirp.com/monograph.html

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