

National Oral Health Promotion Group

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Vision, Innovation, Prevention

Sharing good practice from across the UK to address the burden of oral health inequalities



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Chair Fiona Ellwood



Fiona is the current Chair of the National Oral Health Promotion Group, having been the Chair previously from 2015 to 2019. Fiona agreed to become the Chair and support the group as it moves forward after the sad loss of Debora Howe in 2023, initially acting as its guardian.

Fiona was the NOHPG Trade Liaison for many years before becoming the Chair in 2015. She is passionate about addressing inequalities and looking at public health matters through the lens of the determinants of health. She is also driven by the concept of 'making every contact count' and is an advocate for having the right person, in the right place, at the right time, providing the right care. Fiona has always hoped that stronger relationships could be forged between those in the dental arena facilitating oral health care and those in both the dental public health and oral health improvement teams.

Fiona is currently a doctoral researcher, after successfully completing a masters programme and holds a number of postgraduate certificates, one being in public health. She holds a number of positions in the dental arena and has driven the mental health wellness in dentistry work forward with Mental Health Wellness in Dentistry team and is central to the Human Factors and Patient Safety Sciences work.

A note from the Chair...

" I am delighted to see this conference come together and I hope the group goes from strength to strength, as I remember my promise to Debora to help NOHPG thrive and provide a learning space for its members"

Fiona Ellwood



Sir Nairn Wilson



Nairn has had an extensive career in the dental arena and is no stranger to the National Oral Health Promotion Group, having briefly worked with Chair Fiona Ellwood looking closely at how NOHPG could better collaborate with UKPHR - the registering body for public health practitioners, registrars and specialists.

He is a Founder and Founding Fellow of the College, and its first Chair. He was then appointed Honorary Founding President, and President Emeritus. Nairn is a Patron of the Dental Wellness Trust, he is a Past President of the British Dental Association and Emeritus Professor of Dentistry at King's College London, where he was Professor of Restorative Dentistry, Dean and Head of the College's Dental Institute, and Deputy Vice Principal for Health.

He has also been the Dean of Manchester University Dental Hospital and subsequently Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Manchester, Editor of the Journal of Dentistry, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, President of the General Dental Council, Chair of the Council of Deans and Heads of Dental Schools, and co-chair of the Forum of European Heads and Deans of Dental Schools.

He was made Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 2004 for services to dentistry and healthcare regulation, and holds numerous fellowships. His awards for research excellence include the Hollenback Memorial Prize, a British Dental Association Tomes Medal and the International Association for Dental Research Ivar Mjor Award for practice-based research.

It is an enormous honour to have Sir Nairn Wilson with us today.



Jasmine Murphy

Co-founder and Chief Clinical Officer ThinkDivergent
Specialist in Dental Public Health, a former NHS consultant in Public Health

Presentation aim(s):

To provide an overview of:

- The impact of neurodiversity on oral health and how it contributes to oral health inequalities.
- Strategies and approaches to address the oral health needs of neurodivergent patients to improve oral health and reduce inequalities.

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Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- The relationship between neurodivergent conditions (e.g., autism, ADHD, dyslexia) and oral health outcomes.
- The barriers and facilitators in improving oral health for neurodiverse populations.
- Strategies to improve access and outcomes for neurodivergent individuals.

Learning Content:

Participants will acquire knowledge of the unique oral health challenges faced by neurodivergent individuals and explore practical solutions to address these challenges. They will develop an understanding of the need for tailored oral health promotion, prevention strategies, and policy considerations to reduce inequalities in oral healthcare access and outcomes for neurodiverse communities.

GDC Development Outcomes: A B C D



Prof. Zoe Marshman

Zoe is a professor and honorary consultant of Dental Public Health, School of Clinical Dentistry, University of Sheffield, UK.

Presentation aim(s):

To give an overview of:

To describe the variation in toothbrushing programmes across England and discuss approaches to improve implementation.

Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- The results of surveys of Local Authorities on provision of toothbrushing programmes.
- The key barriers and facilitators to implementing toothbrushing programmes
- And to demonstrate the BRUSH toolkit and how its being used to support implementation.

Learning Content:

Participants will have knowledge of current provision of toothbrushing programmes and possible trends in the future. They will understand the barriers and practical ways to overcome these to promote toothbrushing programmes and consider the future policy landscape for supervised toothbrushing programmes within oral health promotion strategies.

GDC Development Outcomes A B C D



Dr Erin Giles

Erin is a Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry and Honorary Lecturer working at the Leeds Dental Institute.

Presentation aim(s):

To give an overview of:

The association between dental caries and school readiness, using a cohort of 5-year-old children participating in the Born in Bradford (BiB).

Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- Review the evidence in relation to dental caries and educational development.
- Describe caries experience within the BiB cohort and its association with school readiness.
- Explore the possibilities of data linkage to address oral health inequalities.

Learning Content:

Participants will be able to discuss the association between dental caries and school readiness, relating to the Born in Bradford (BiB) study with a central focus on a cohort of 5-year-old children.

GDC Development Outcomes C D



Rebecca Lloyd

Oral Health Programme Lead for Oral Health Improvement in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and chair of the Designed to Smile National Operational Managers group.

Presentation aim(s):

To give an overview of:

The Designed to Smile Programme and share the learning of a population-level oral health programme.

Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- The structure of the Designed to Smile programme
- The barriers and facilitators in delivery of Designed to Smile
- The epidemiology of childhood dental caries in Wales
- Appreciate the role of dental care professionals in delivering Designed to Smile.

Learning Content:

Participants will be able to discuss the designed to Smile programme and the broader concepts of the programme and the population it is designed to serve and an appreciation of those delivering the service.

GDC Development Outcomes A B C D



Dr Martha Paisi

Research lead, Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise,
Senior Research Fellow in Public Health, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Plymouth

Presentation aim(s):

To give an overview of:

To raise awareness among individuals and teams of the oral health needs of asylum seekers and refugees, and how they can support patients such as these who are affected by trauma and adversity in their dental journey.

Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- Recognise the challenges that asylum seekers and refugees may have in accessing oral healthcare, and how traumatic experiences may influence their dental experience;
- Identify ways to improve service accessibility and delivery for asylum seekers and refugees;
- Describe how research can be used to develop evidence- informed pathways for people experiencing significant health inequities.

Learning Content:

Participants will be able to discuss the oral health needs of asylum seekers and refugees; the barriers and facilitators to oral healthcare for asylum seekers and refugees; using research to develop evidence-informed dental pathways for vulnerable groups.

GDC Development Outcomes A B D



Hon Consultant Niall McGoldrick

Niall is a Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health at the University of Dundee, leading NHS Scotland's Oral Health Improvement Programmes for Homelessness, and Scottish Prisons.

Presentation aim(s):

To give an overview of:

The development of oral health improvement resources for people with experience of drugs.

Objective(s):

To gain knowledge and understanding of:

- Describe the methods utilized to co-design a series of oral health improvement comics.
- Describe results of early acceptability testing of the comics.
- Understand how comics can form a component of a wider complex intervention.
- Describe the approach that NHS Scotland is taking to support the oral health of people with experience of drugs.

Learning Content:

Participants will be able to describe the approach taken to improve the oral health of people with experience of drugs in Scotland.

GDC Development Outcomes A C



Chair Fiona Ellwood of the National Oral Health Promotion Group (NOHPG)

On behalf of the NOHPG I would like to thank you for attending this event. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the sponsors who made this event possible.

The themes at this event were selected by the committee and our advisors to ensure they were pertinent to those who undertake the role of oral health improvement, as well as those who provide oral health support and guidance in a dental setting and those who manage and facilitate these services. The evidence clearly shows that intervention and prevention are key in reducing inequalities in oral health and determining oral health wellness across the life-course. It is these values that drive the good work and vision of the NOHPG and we hope you will continue to support this group in continue its work.

It has been a pleasure to hold this conference and we hope to see you again next year.



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