

South West Region Dental Conference 12/1/23

Jason Wong (Deputy Chief Dental Officer for England)

A bill is going through Parliament about water fluoridation, which is being supported by the Chief Medical officer. The National developments are to Increase access, increased oral health and to decrease oral health inequalities. The oral health has improved in the middle classes but not in the ethnic minorities

The Intercalated Care Boards (ICB)

They effect commissioning on non-mandatory services. Contract reform is being dealt with by NHS England and HEE

11/1/23 Therapists and Hygienists can now open and close courses of treatment

South west Area Team

Stabilisation contracts have been successful. There is a new innovative looking into health inequalities, with 29 practices expressing an interest. It is being dealt with in a similar fashion as the stabilisation contracts with a sessional payment. The Area team will provide training for 2 members of the dental team, so that they can become ambassadors and they will pay for 2 hours per week of their time .If anyone is interested ,please contact jo.lawton2@nhs.net

Dentists were not financially benefiting from Peer Review ,so the uptake has been poor. As a result the Area Team is Launching a new scheme for Peer Review with 2 paid for sessions .

There is a new pilot being launched to provide toothbrushes and toothpaste to food banks and linking them to local practices