

Special Care MCN (Managed Clinical network ) 20/1/23

The South West has the second lowest uptake of Special Care Posts in the UK. It has been confirmed that if you train in an area ,you are more likely to stay in the area.

Recruitment in Dorset for Sept 23 has been a challenge. As the curriculum needs links to teaching hospitals, as we have none in our area this is proving difficult. There is also an issue of a drop in salary once Specialist training starts. There is also uncertainty if there will be any specialist posts once the training is complete. Camilla Boyton is the new training Programme Director.

The community service has had more complaints since there has been an issue with decreased access in General Practice ,as once a course of treatment has been completed there is no where to refer back to .There is a high turnover of dentists and no obligation of the referring practice to take the patient back on .

Dysphagia

Hosted by the learning disability and autism team. The highest cause of preventable deaths is Aspirational pneumonia in patients with difficulty swallowing. Investigations are ongoing to see how to protect the airways .

Tessa Fielding

The pay uplift to the dental contracts has been approved and backdated to April.

A new toothbrushing innovative has been launched.

The Child Friendly Practices innovative has been very successful, having been overprescribed.

In Dorset there has been an issue of having a dental screening prior to the start of breast cancer treatment ,due to limited access in General Dental Practice.

A new Secure Setting MCN has been established ,with a new chair being appointed.

ICB (intercalated Care Board)

These take on the legal commissioning of the dental contracts from 1/4/23

Domicillary Care

Zoe Allen ( Consultant in Dental Public Health) gave a presentation on developing a framework for improving oral health in Care Homes. Ideally the Area Team would like to appoint care home dental champions .These can be DSA 's ,and can be taught to train the staff in care homes in toothbrushing