

## Stakeholder Meeting on Dementia and dental pain 24/1/23

There is a new app called Dentally that can be downloaded so that dental notes can be written up at the care home and so it isn't necessary to return to the surgery to write them up. This is the third event on this topic, and funding ends in July 23. The aim of the meeting is to focus on prevention, and to have a multi-disciplinary approach. Collaboration between Dentistry and Medicine rarely occurs.

The cost of removing teeth in hospital is expensive. Diets in care homes are different to residents in their own homes. Gum disease maybe a risk factor in Dementia. Polypharmacy may lead to a dry mouth. Removing teeth on one side, maybe linked to stability and lead to increase in falls. Poor Oral Health can lead to Aspirational Pneumonia

Need ways to support care home staff to promote Oral Health. Carers can find facillating domiciliary visits can be difficult, and they may struggle with the forms. They may need more support.

There should be automatic prescription for high fluoride toothpaste. Doctors in London are now unwilling to prescribe it.

Ideally there should be Oral Health Champions within care homes. It would be ideal if there were linked in electronic health records. There are training modules on line about toothbrushing.

Dental students could be signposted to memory cafes ,to see if they will undertake domiciliary visits .

Patients in care homes could be provided protected status to prevent them being deregistered from dental practices. The new ICB's need to look into vulnerable groups .

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