

## Sara Hurley confirmed for Dental Showcase

The Chief Dental Officer (CDO) for England, Sara Hurley, will be attending all three days of this year's British Dental Industry Association (BDIA) Dental Showcase, which is taking place from 19-21 October 2017 at the NEC, Birmingham.



Dr Hurley and her team will be manning a dedicated CDO zone to enable them to engage with the dental community and answer any questions dentists and dental care professionals (DCPs) may have regarding dental care in England, workforce development and NHS England provision of services.

The CDO will also introduce three keynote sessions in the event's flagship feature, the 'Practice of the future' - a purpose-built dental practice on the show floor. On Thursday 19 October Andrew Taylor, Head of Programme for CDO England, will be addressing the 'Transformation of the Digital Landscape'; Saturday 21 sees the CDO team focus on 'Clinical Leadership of NHS England Commissioning', educating delegates on engaging with and making the most of LDNs (Local Dental Networks); and on Thursday 19 October and Friday 20 October Sara Hurley will be introducing a presentation to show attendees how to 'Successfully Navigate the NHS England Procurement Process'.

The keynote sessions will be repeated as more intimate plenary sessions, allowing access for as many dental professionals as possible to this critical information. The speakers will be available throughout the three days to take questions from visitors and discuss the future of dentistry.

To find out more visit [www.dental-showcase.com](http://www.dental-showcase.com).

## Dates for your diary

### BOC Manchester 2017

**Date and location:** 14-16 September 2017, Manchester Central Convention Centre

**Details:** <https://www.bos.org.uk/BOC-Manchester-2017>

### BSPD Annual Scientific Meeting

**Date and location:** 19-22 September 2017, The Lowry, Salford Quays, Manchester

**Details:** <http://www.bspconference.org/>

### BAOS 2017 Conference

**Date and location:** 27-29 September 2017, Europa Hotel, Belfast

**Details:** <http://www.baos.org.uk/Events>

### BDIA Dental Showcase 2017

**Date and location:** 19-21 October 2017, NEC Birmingham

**Details:** <http://www.dentalshowcase.com/>

### FGDP(UK): Holistic Dentistry: Putting the Mouth Back into the Body

**Date and location:** 3 November 2017, National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull  
**Details:** <https://www.fgdp.org.uk/holistic-dentistry>

### BSDHT Oral Health Conference & Exhibition 2017

**Date and location:** 3-4 November 2017, Harrogate Convention Centre  
**Details:** <http://www.bsht.org.uk/oral-health-conference-and-exhibition>

### National Dental Nursing Conference

**Date and location:** 17-18 November 2017, Milton Keynes Hilton  
**Details:** <http://badn.org.uk/conference>



## 'Antibiotics advice is nothing new' says FGDP (UK)

The Faculty of General Dental Practice has responded to *The antibiotic course has had its day*, the widely-publicised article published in the *British Medical Journal* in July, which challenges the advice given to patients to complete courses of antibiotics even once an infection has been resolved (<http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3418>).

Dr Nikolaus Palmer, editor of FGDP(UK)'s *Antimicrobial prescribing for general dental practitioners*, said: 'This will be nothing new for dentists. Our advice since publishing the first edition of our guidance in 2001, and in line with the BNF and scientific evidence, has always been that courses of antibiotics should not be unduly prolonged, because they encourage resistance and may lead to side effects. Where antibiotics are indicated in the management of dental infections as an adjunct to definitive treatment such as drainage, the evidence is clear that complete resolution occurs within three days in most cases. We recommend that antibiotics should be prescribed where indicated for up to five days, with patients being reviewed at two to three days and discontinuing antibiotic use where there is resolution of temperature

and swelling. Patients should be advised to return any unused medication to their local pharmacy for safe disposal.'

*Antimicrobial prescribing* provides guidance on the prescribing of antimicrobials to adults and children in primary dental care, giving clear, simple and practical advice on when to prescribe, what to prescribe, for how long and at what dosage. It is available in hard copy, as an e-book and free of charge online, and dentists should refer to the guidance for further information covering the choice and dosage of antimicrobial, and the management of other dental and oral infections.

FGDP(UK) has also co-produced free resources for dentists including the Antimicrobial Prescribing Self-Audit Tool, Antibiotics Don't Cure Toothache poster and a patient information leaflet.

#### Further reading

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