



UPDATED RESOURCE WILL HELP DENTAL TEAMS SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

The educational website, *Child protection and the dental team* (cpdt.org.uk) has been relaunched following a full update and makeover. The programme is supported by COPDEND (the Committee of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors).

Jenny Harris, Consultant in Community Paediatric Dentistry in Sheffield, who has led the Department of Health-funded project since its inception, said: 'When this [resource] was first published we knew that dental teams had a bit of catching up to do, but it is admirable how our profession has risen to the challenge.'

An evaluation of the resource published in the *British Dental Journal* (BDJ) 2011; 210: 75-79) showed a remarkably high proportion of dentists acknowledged its direct impact on improving their knowledge, confidence and readiness with respect to safeguarding children. Since then many dental practices have made further improvements when preparing for CQC registration.

The new website has been designed with improved navigation and a fresh look and feel. Updates include greater emphasis on early intervention rather than waiting for a crisis to develop. The impact of wider family issues on children, such as parental mental and general health issues and domestic violence, also receive more attention.

Guidance on dental neglect has been revised. Dental teams are prompted to find out about their own local arrangements for referring low level concerns.

A list highlighting the 2013 updates, downloadable in PDF format, is provided for users who still prefer to use the handbook version of this educational resource.¹ The 2009 reprint of the booklet is still available for purchase from www.shancocksLtd.com with an optional verifiable CPD question set.

1. Harris J, Sidebotham P, Welbury R with Townsend M, Green M, Goodwin J and Franklin C. *Child protection and the dental team: an introduction to safeguarding children in dental practice*. Sheffield: COPDEND, 2006. www.cpdt.org.uk

BOOK A FACIAL WITH YOUR FILLING

A Shropshire dental practice is expanding its service to include a new beauty room, with treatments carried out

by dually-qualified dental nurse Frankie Trumper (pictured).

Ms Trumper completed her Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy in June and was due to sit exams for the NEBDN Diploma in Dental Nursing in July.

Wycherley Dental Practice will expand its patient offerings from family, general and cosmetic dentistry to massages and facials.



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