

ORAL HEALTH CHARITY DELIGHTED WITH SURVEY RESULTS

The Child Dental Health Survey 2013 of England, Wales and Northern Ireland reveals significant drops in the level of tooth decay in 12 and 15 year olds compared to 2003. One in three 12-year olds and less than half (46 per cent) of 15-year olds now show signs of obvious dental decay, a reduction from 43 per cent and 56 per cent compared to 2003.

The severity of tooth decay also fell, with the number of children suffering from serious tooth decay falling from one in three to one in five of 15 year olds and from three in 10 to one in five of 12 year olds.

Oral health problems were most severe in Wales and Northern Ireland, with two in five children (41 and 40 per cent respectively) suffering from the disease compared to three in ten (31 per cent) in England.

Dr Nigel Carter OBE, Chief Executive of the British Dental Health Foundation said: 'It's always pleasing to see any level of improvements in oral health, particularly for children. Having said that, it is very much a mixed bag of results.

'Many of these children are starting school with tooth decay and carrying in through their education. Three in 10 five year olds have visible signs of decay yet by the time they reached 15 that shoots up to close to one in two. This still highlights significant room for improvement.

'There is a wealth of evidence to suggest childhood tooth decay is very much associated with deprivation. Even in this survey children who were from lower income families and eligible for free school meals are more likely to have oral disease than other children of the same age.

'They highlight a clear need for water fluoridation to help tackle these differences, particularly in the more deprived areas of the country.'

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Birmingham Metropolitan College **Matthew Boulton Campus**

Dental Technology Diploma Level 3

Summary: Designed to allow students to develop skills in all aspects of work carried out as a dental technician, with practical elements focusing on materials, techniques and equipment given in onsite laboratories.

Dental Technology

Foundation Degree

Summary: The practical work of this course is underpinned with theoretical classes that build confidence. Students learn how to use dental materials but will also understand how to select them and why they are used as part of a dental appliance.

Get into Dental Nursing Traineeship and Get into Dental Technology **Traineeship**

Summary: Both of these short courses are designed to give an introduction to a career as a dental nurse or technician. The majority of the 12-week course is spent on work experience with an employer but some sessions are based in the College developing English and maths skills. Next start dates: Most courses begin in September 2015 to coincide with the new academic year but the short courses are flexible, so next start dates should be checked. Details: http://www.bmetc.ac.uk Telephone: 0845 155 0101 Email: ask@bmetc.ac.uk

Christine Macleavy Coaching Extended duties courses for dental nurses

Course dates: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November

Details: Course dates and venues: http://www.cmcdentalcpd.co.uk/

University of Birmingham **School of Dentistry**

BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy Summary: A full-time course that takes three years to complete. Run by South

Birmingham Primary Care Trust, students are based at Birmingham Dental Hospital and School but also undertake outreach

work in clinics across the West Midlands. Details: http://www.dentistry.bham.ac.uk/

admissions/soht1.asp Telephone: 0121 237 2802 Email: soh.noble@sbpct.nhs.uk

Warwick Medical School

Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy

Summary: A one-year, part-time diploma based at Warwick Medical School with additional study days at The Leamington Spa Orthodontic Centre and some work place training in an approved orthodontic practice or hospital orthodontic practice. Next start date is August 2015.

Details: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/ med/study/cpd/dentistry/therapy/

Telephone: 02476 151023 Email: s.l.clarke@warwick.ac.uk

Orthodontic Team Training

Summary: Orthodontic Team Training is based in Leamington Spa and offers a wide range of courses for the dental team with various start dates. Please contact for further details.

Casting Study Models DTQ Level 3 Diploma in Dental **Nursing**

DTQ Level 4 Award in Orthodontic Nursing DTQ Level 4 Certificate in Advanced

Orthodontic Nursing ILM Level 3 Award in Coaching ILM Level 3 Award in Mentoring Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare

Administration **Taking Clinical Photographs Taking Dental Impressions**

Details: http://www. orthodonticteamtraining.com Telephone: 01926 881120

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If you would like your course or education provider to be included in BDJ Team, please send the details to bditeam@nature.com (there is no cost involved). BDJ Team will continue to focus on dental education by region of the United Kingdom throughout 2015.