

New Chair of the first Urgent Care MCN



Jonathan Bouwer-Davies has been appointed Chair of the first Urgent Care Managed Clinical Network (MCN) in the South West.

Jonathan (pictured) has completed postgraduate training at the University of Bristol, the Eastman Dental Institute and King's College London. He is currently Dental Director at Smile Together Dental CIC who run several services in Cornwall. Jonathan has experience in service redesign and culture change and will play a vital part in the region's Dental Reform Programme.

The first task for the newly formed Urgent Care MCN will be to review the current urgent dental care pathway and develop a best practice region-wide approach, working with commissioners, stakeholders, staff and the public to deliver an improved dental clinical urgent care pathway that links into a stabilisation pathway also in development.

This is an exciting time to join the South West Dental team as the seven MCN Chairs, together with the Local Dental Network Chair, Matthew Jerreat, work together to build a South West Dental Clinical Team across the region for all dental clinicians. The team have established bi-monthly webinars and this July will launch a region-wide shared workspace on the NHS Future Collaboration Space.

This is the latest appointment following Professor Claire Stevens CBE being appointed a Consultant Advisor and Dr Sarah Dewhurst's appointment as Chair of Paediatric Dentistry MCN. The Urgent Care MCN joins the six other MCNs in the region:

- Orthodontic MCN
- Oral surgery MCN
- Paediatric dentistry MCN
- Restorative MCN
- Secure settings MCN
- Special Care MCN.

Professor Avijit Banerjee receives prestigious caries award



Professor Avijit Banerjee, who was recently appointed a *BDJ* Associate Editor, is the recipient of the 2022 William H. Bowen Research in Dental Caries Award. Professor Banerjee received the award from the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) during the opening ceremonies of the virtual 100th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR on 22 June 2022.

Known for his pioneering development of innovative minimally invasive caries-management systems and for his work on caries prevention, Avijit Banerjee is Professor of Cariology & Operative Dentistry in the Centre for Oral, Clinical & Translational Sciences. He also works as Honorary Consultant and Clinical Lead, Restorative Dentistry in Guy's & St Thomas' Hospitals Foundation Trust, London, UK.

Professor Banerjee said: 'I am truly humbled at the thought of being considered to be of the same calibre in dental caries research as so many of the great clinical academics and scientists who have won this IADR distinguished scientist award in the past.

'I am truly indebted to all of my wonderful students, post-doc research associates, clinical colleagues and the many expert principal research collaborators/fellows across the different dental and medical disciplines locally within the Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial Sciences at King's, nationally across the UK and internationally, with whom I have worked tirelessly to enable my research to come to fruition. I duly share this award with all of them.'