



Fig. 2 Members of the Toothy Tigers current team along with a selection of gathered supplies.
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◀ out several visits over the year. The main languages spoken by the members are Arabic, Bengali, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Mandarin and this will be accommodated in any information provided.

Bringing the community to the Dundee Dental Hospital and Research School

Although education and home oral health aids are crucial for the community, it is also important that everyone has access to dental care. There are many organisations in the community that provide access to excellent dental care. As an additional resource however, part of the planned events will include information on how people can access treatment with the undergraduate clinics in the Dundee Dental Hospital and Research School. There is an online link⁸ that will be signposted, and Toothy Tigers will also be equipped with a digital device to help those with limited internet access. A core tenet of the hospital, after all, is to inclusively provide the highest quality of care.

A synergistic relationship

Whilst the primary function of Toothy Tigers is community engagement, it is also important that the undergraduate trainees involved benefit from the endeavours. The members have all reported that they feel rewarded by these worthwhile initiatives. They also get the opportunity to help improve vital skills required in dentistry such as effective verbal and non-verbal communication and the insight into the wider role they can play in a community. There are also opportunities to develop a holistic learning community, as well as to engage with companies for sponsorship and donations. Toothy Tigers have received

substantial supplies this year from a number of generous companies including Childsmile, TePe, Co-operative Foods and the NHS Tayside Oral Health Improvement Team (Fig. 2). These supplies will be crucial for the implementation and continued success of the projects.

What the future holds...

This post-pandemic environment holds significant potential. The innovations and strengths of healthcare and education developed over the past few years can be combined with the best elements of pre-pandemic practice. It is crucial that inequality is recognised and that initiatives to combat this are embraced. The current model of Toothy Tigers is easily replicable and there is a potential for cross-institute collaboration. A collaborative and compassionate ethos is after all a cornerstone in modern healthcare. ■

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For those who have published in *Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD)* before, you will know that our shorter commentary pieces were previously categorised as 'Review Articles' with a heading of 'Summary Review', and our recently introduced Systematic Reviews were categorised as 'Reviews'. This meant both article types would appear under the 'Reviews & Analysis' search function, which had the potential to cause confusion.

To address this, we decided to re-categorise the two article types. This year, *EBD* migrated over to a new production workflow, which will not only significantly reduce accept to publication turnaround times, but will also help to distinguish the two article types via a new, clearer categorisation system. The commentary pieces are now categorised as 'Comments' and are searchable under the 'News & Comment' search function; these bring clinically relevant and quality research to practitioners in a clear and accessible way, in order that their practice is informed by evidence. Systematic Reviews are now simply categorised as 'Articles' and are searchable under the 'Research articles' search function (pictured).

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