

ADH digital dentistry meeting in Manchester



The Association of Dental Hospitals (ADH) UK and Ireland recently held one of their regular meetings at the Manchester Dental Education Centre (MANDEC), with the theme of digital dentistry and its implementation and utilisation across UK and Irish dental hospitals.

The ADH is a membership organisation which represents the voices of dental hospitals across the UK and Ireland. Membership consists of dental hospitals/academic clinical facilities which provide dental services; it has a significant commitment to NHS funded undergraduate and/or postgraduate dental students.

Members of the ADH are the clinical director and the senior non-clinical manager (or equivalent to these roles) of the dental hospital. Members are closely linked with a dental school, and are a part of larger health organisations, such as NHS Trusts, which have a strong focus on clinical service, teaching and research.

The meeting heard from leaders in digital dentistry and the steps taken towards implementation of digital dentistry use in UK dental hospitals.

The meeting also saw the transition of Chair of ADH from Ms Joanna Johnson, Clinical Director of the Guys and St Thomas' Dental Directorate, to Ewen McColl, Director of Clinical Dentistry, at Peninsula Dental School, University of Plymouth (pictured).

Dr McColl said: 'It is an honour to take over the Chair of ADH and to thank Jo for doing such an outstanding job of leading ADH through the COVID pandemic and into recovery. There are many challenges facing delivery of dentistry across the UK and Ireland, and ADH will continue to work tirelessly for its members in order to optimise outcomes for dental hospital staff, students and our patients.'

Mobile dental ambulance inaugurated in India



The Hope Foundation, a charity that appeared in the *BDJ* in March (<https://go.nature.com/3o1m3vj>) which delivers programmes in Kolkata, India, primarily for street children, has sent details of the inauguration of their mobile dental ambulance.

The new ambulance is fully customised as a mobile dental clinic, equipped with relevant equipment and professional dental personnel to conduct mobile dentistry care and services to the most vulnerable children and adults in

Indian society. Treatments undertaken will include dental check-ups, scaling, extractions, fillings etc and if required, beneficiaries will be referred to HOPE Hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

The Hope Foundation is currently fundraising for the ongoing costs of running the programme. To find out more and for details on sponsorship, email Juliette Whittaker at juliette@thehopefoundation.org.uk or visit www.thehopefoundation.org.uk.

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