

TEESSIDE TAKES DENTAL EDUCATION TO NEW LEVEL

Teesside University has a brand new £17 million health and sport science building that includes a magnificent dental training suite complete with 18 dental chairs and phantom heads, as well as its own dental practice for students, staff and the general public.

The new building, known as Centuria South, is on the Middlesbrough-based



Erica Clough, Principal Lecturer in Dental Care at Teesside University, with HRH Princess Anne at the official opening of the Centuria South building

university campus and was officially opened by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, in October last year.

The new development has already welcomed its first cohort of dental nursing and dental hygiene and therapy students. Dental training is a new area for the university's rapidly growing School of Health & Social Care.

According to Professor Paul Keane OBE, Dean of the School of Health & Social Care, the university was approached three years ago by the local PCTs to consider working with them in accrediting programmes in the field of dental practice. This led to a joint approach to the new Strategic Health Authority (SHA) to incorporate a dental practice and dental education in the new building. The dental practice, which was due to open just before Christmas, has received funding support from the North East SHA.

Erica Clough, Principal Lecturer in Dental Care, said: 'The facilities here are the best I've seen for students to work on. It's a wonderful environment for the students.'

The current portfolio includes a post-graduate dental advisors course and will expand to include a dental technology programme.

DIARY

JANUARY

Law, Ethics and Record Keeping

Date: 28 January 2011, 9am-5pm

Venue: British Dental Association, London

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FEBRUARY

Tooth wear and acid erosion: modern strategies of management

By Alex Milosevic

Date: 1 February 2011

Venue: The Centre for Health Science, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

www.bda.org/events

UAE International Dental Conference & Arab Dental Exhibition

Date: 1-3 February 2011

Venue: Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Center Halls 5-8

www.aeedc.com

UCL Eastman CPD: Introduction to Accounts

Date: 10 February 2011

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How can we encourage health behaviour change?

An event for dental therapists and hygienists

Date: 5 February 2011

Venue: Eastman Dental Institute

Telephone: 020 7905 1298

Email: m.kelly@eastman.ucl.ac.uk

Young Dentist Conference

Date: 5 February 2011

Venue: Novotel London St Pancras, London

Email: events@dentalprotection.org

Telephone: 020 7399 1339

www.dentalprotection.org/ydc

You and the General Dental Council

Date: 17 February 2011

Venue: Maple House, Birmingham

www.gdc-uk.org

AOG/FGDP(UK)/Indian Dental Association conference

Date: 20 February 2011

Venue: Delhi, India

Telephone: 020 7788 6452 and state AOG/FGDP Tour)

<http://aoguk.org/indian-tour.html>

TRAFALGAR STAFF DIG DEEP AT CHRISTMAS

The staff of SCA Trafalgar dentistry donated boxes full of toys, chocolates and food to needy families in Portsmouth through the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, which supports poor, homeless and vulnerable people in the city.

SCA Trafalgar dentistry is part of social enterprise health and social care provider SCA Group, a not-for-profit service which offers NHS dentistry to over 45,000 patients in Hampshire. The five Trafalgar clinics provide both NHS and private dentistry and are situated in Holbury in the New Forest, Rowner and Brune in Gosport, Woolston in Southampton and Buckland in Portsmouth.

Staff and some patients from all five Trafalgar practices in Hampshire contributed to the appeal after New

Road Head Receptionist Vicki Maxworth talked to a Salvation Army volunteer who came into the practice as a patient.

'The practice staff have done really well and have been very generous,' said Stacey Ball, manager at New Road. 'It's good to help children and families who are less fortunate than we are, especially at this time of year.'

