

ENDODONTICS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Leading dental professionals including Professors Tara Renton and Tim Newton and Chief Executive of the British Dental Health Foundation, Nigel Carter, are launching the Saving Teeth Awareness Campaign (www.savingteeth.co.uk). Prompted by the widespread lack of awareness amongst patients that many teeth can be saved by endodontics, the campaign will provide information to patients who have a tooth infection that could result in tooth loss.

According to the Adult Dental Health Survey, two million teeth were removed



last year but only around half a million root treatments were undertaken. In the interests of dental health, if the natural tooth can be saved through root canal therapy and adequately restored, it should be the first choice.

The campaign will emphasise to patients that a well root-treated tooth covered with a crown can survive for many years if not for the rest of your life, and that if a tooth becomes infected and left untreated, bone loss can occur.

Root canal specialist Julian Webber, a world leader in the field of endodontics, is spearheading the campaign.

'Keeping your natural teeth is often more economical in the long-term as well as being better for health,' said Dr Webber.

The campaign would like to see the NHS recognising and remunerating the additional skills and costly equipment used by specialists and dentists with additional training.

GOOD NEWS FOR RESEARCH IN MANCHESTER

Dr Paul Brocklehurst of the University of Manchester has been successful in the latest round of the prestigious National Institute of Health Research's (NIHR) Clinician Scientist Awards. Dr Brocklehurst is a Specialist Registrar in Dental Public Health based at the School of Dentistry.

The award adds to Manchester's success over the last five years in attracting NIHR awards for research training. This is the third NIHR Clinician Scientist Award supported by the School; in addition the School hosts or has hosted four NIHR In-Practice Training Fellows, an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer, two Academic Clinical Fellows and a NIHR career scientist. It has plans to advertise for two more Academic Clinical Fellows and an Academic Clinical Lecturer in the near future.

Dr Brocklehurst will continue his specialist training and undertake a five-year postdoctoral research programme investigating the cost-effectiveness of using skill mix within

primary dental care. This programme will be supported by collaborations across the University of Manchester and with international researchers.

Professor Martin Tickle, Director of Research for the School, said: 'This is a great achievement for Paul and it is very well deserved. [...] This is good news for Manchester and good news for dental research.'

