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PROGRAMME FOCUSES ON VULNERABLE PATIENTS

Dr Heather Lloyd, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry, is the Lead Subject Matter Expert (SME) for a forthcoming e-learning programme called 'The Vulnerable Patient'.

Dr Lloyd is working with the NHS Postgraduate Deanery for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, Smile-On and the British Dental Health Foundation on the project, which aims to engage and involve all dentists and dental care professionals (DCPs) in the care of vulnerable patients.

'I will be working with other SMEs who are renowned for their expertise in this dental speciality,' said Dr Lloyd. 'The main accent of the programme will be on the vulnerable adult, but we will also be covering some aspects of dental care for vulnerable children.'

There will be a conference on The Vulnerable Patient at the Hilton Hotel, Gatwick on 10 November, and the e-learning programme will be launched at the Royal College of Surgeons in London with the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) next May. The programme will also be available at the BDA's conference in Manchester in April.

<http://kssdeanery.org/news/kss-deanery-dental-conference-6th-annual-conference-thursday-10-november-2011>

MANCHESTER 2012: GO MAD FOR IT

Forget the Olympics, the dates for every dental professional's diary in 2012 is 26-28 April, when Manchester will be hosting the next British Dental Conference and Exhibition.

An engaging, vibrant conference and exhibition are planned with a notable line-up of speakers including adhesives and composites specialist John Kanca from the USA and aesthetic dentistry specialist Lorenzo Vanini from Italy.

'The extensive conference programme covers all the key clinical dentistry specialisms providing delegates with an extremely worthwhile learning experience,' said Vivienne Wootten, events manager at the British Dental Association (BDA). 'By attending the event you not only hear from renowned experts but can also gain your entire annual CPD requirement with the minimum loss of surgery time.'

Running alongside the conference, delegates can meet all of the leading industry suppliers in the exhibition hall. The hall will also house the DCP Training *essentials* theatre and brand new for 2012: the Demonstration theatre.

Ninety-five percent of attendees to the 2011 British Dental Conference and Exhibition rated the event as either good or very good and 83% stated that they were likely to attend in 2012.

Booking opens in November; visit www.bda.org/conference for more information and to book.



NEW DVD TARGETS SMOKELESS TOBACCO USERS

An DVD has been created by NHS Lothian in collaboration with ASH Scotland (Action on Smoking and Health) to highlight the dangers of smokeless tobacco to oral health.

Oral health & trans-cultural tobacco: a guide for health professionals & trans-cultural tobacco users explores the issues surrounding the wide range of *paan*,

smokeless and chewing tobacco products that are widely used among UK minority ethnic communities.

The DVD provides essential information and supporting resources for health professionals and policy makers in relation to key aspects of oral health and causes of oral cancer.

To obtain a DVD email enquiries@ashscotland.org.uk or telephone 0131 220 9471 within Scotland; outside Scotland email nancy.tonner@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk or telephone 0131 537 7565.