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## DENTISTS SCOOP RESEARCH GRANTS

Two dentists in the West Midlands have been awarded research grants worth almost £160,000 by the Shirley Glasstone Hughes Trust Fund.

Dr Peter Thornley, a Birmingham based general dental practitioner, has been awarded £81,849 for a three-year randomised controlled trial to identify whether different lining materials used under amalgam restorations have a significant effect on clinical outcomes. It is hoped that the study's results will make it easier for dentists to select the optimum treatment options for their patients.

Dr Helen Chapman, a dentist based in Solihull, has been awarded £77,357 to carry out a 15-month study to explore the issues that contribute to dentists'

anxieties in a primary care setting and how these influence patient care. Dr Chapman also intends to develop and pilot a 'coping skills' package to mitigate the 'fear' factor that may play a role in the clinical decisions made by dentists.

The winning projects were selected by an international panel of experts, following a comprehensive peer review process of all the applications received.

Chair of the Trustees of the Fund, Professor Liz Kay, commenting on behalf of the SGH Management Committee, congratulated the winners and said: 'The grants seek to advance the role of evidence in everyday clinical practice and expand the research base that underpins dental care.'

[www.dentistryresearchforum.org](http://www.dentistryresearchforum.org)

## FIGHT DENTAL PAIN THROUGH YOUR COOKING

Bridge2Aid is encouraging members of the profession to host a Valentine's Dinner this February. They would like you to invite a group of friends to join you in supporting a Tanzanian village by donating money to Bridge2Aid in return for your hospitality and culinary delicacies.

'Supporting a village means that the money that you raise at your dinner party will be put towards the training of a Tanzanian medical officer in emergency dentistry,' said a representative from the

dental charity. 'These medical officers will then be able to treat people in their rural village, relieving them of dental pain.'

Bridge2Aid will supply interested parties with dinner mat cards explaining what guests' money will do and a video clip to play for the guests. All guests who supply contact information will be entered in a draw to win great prizes.

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## NEW CLINIC OPENS IN HOUGHTON REGIS

Towards the end of 2011, Community Dental Services (CDS) opened their doors to the new dental facility based at Houghton Regis Health Centre.

The clinic is welcoming existing and new NHS patients and offers access to routine dental care as well as dental services for adults and children with special needs and minor oral surgery. In addition the clinic will act as a base for domiciliary care and the popular mobile services also offered by CDS. Yee Lee (senior dental officer, special care dentistry specialist), John Saunders (dental officer) and Priti Songra (dental therapist) are providing the treatment.

'We are all proud of the excellent new facilities that we can offer to our patients at the newly opened clinic,' said James Watkins, Chief Executive CDS - CIC. 'Community Dental Services are known for being specialists in their field and so as well as "Access and Routine Care" we also welcome referrals from other healthcare professionals into our dental services.'



Yee Lee (Senior Dental Officer) and Sam Davis (Senior Dental Nurse) with the CDS Mobile Dental Unit