◀ The undertaking

Coordinators and mentors gave dynamic short lectures in an interactive atmosphere (Table 1). In addition, participants presented press releases of their research and were grouped to: plan a specialist course for the management of challenging children undergoing dental treatment; and to establish innovative and relevant research questions to be developed in collaborative projects in the short and medium term.

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The workshop has provided opportunities for early career researchers to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations. Participants' conclusions were:

- Children with anxiety or behaviour management problems can be managed by trained dentists integrated in collaboration with medical specialties, including psychology
- The concepts of 'having knowledge of', 'experience in' and 'competence in' in a postgraduate curriculum must be applied during the dentists' training for managing challenging children
- Research themes to be explored in future projects are: minimally invasive dentistry, pharmacological management of anxious children, cognitive behavioural therapy and challenging behaviour.

All in all, the exchange of ideas, values and culture between UK and Brazil has led to a promising future in which children will have a chance of better care and cure of their oral health. The workshop has underpinned the CEDACORE.

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Strategy and initiatives launch event held in Greater Manchester

On 7 December the Local Professional Dental Network (LDN), as part of Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership, held a launch event to update practitioners on the dental commissioning strategy and initiatives across the Greater Manchester region. The event was supported by Colgate and attended by over 200 local practitioners, DCPs and management teams.

The first part of the event gave managed clinical network (MCN) chairs an opportunity to discuss the concepts, development and future of the networks. There are now six MCNs operating across Greater Manchester, representing services and pathway delivery for restorative, orthodontic, oral surgery, special care, paediatric dentistry and oral health improvement services. The session was concluded with a summary of the activity of the Dental Advisory Group, which provides primary dental care

representation and engagement within the devolved Greater Manchester system. Following this, the group held a market engagement event and supper which gave local practitioners a chance to ask questions and engage with teams on key strategies across local GM services, such as the Pride in Practice programme working with the LGBT Foundation.

The second session focussed on the development programme of work by the LDN presenting toolkits that have been conceived and developed by local practitioners to support best clinical practice and quality for patients. These included the Saving Smiles Trauma Toolkit, Medical Histories Do Matter, the Early Years & Baby Teeth Do Matter, and the Healthy Living Dentistry Programme. The LDN is very keen to share with others and has locally adopted work by colleagues in Cheshire & Merseyside of the Dementia Friendly and Older People Toolkit. All of these toolkits will be given to practices in printed and electronic form. These quick reference guides can be stored on computer desktops for rapid access and help dentists navigate some of the more challenging aspects of primary care practice.

Chair of the LDN Mohsan Ahmad said: 'The event gave our LDN the opportunity to showcase some of the excellent programmes that have been developed for primary care dental teams. The attendees also heard about how our MCNs are crossing barriers between primary and secondary care to work together to improve the services offered to our patients.'

As these initiatives evolve and the work of the GM LDN continues, we look forward to further engagement events and opportunities in the future. Further information is available from england.gmdental@nhs.net.

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