

South West Local Dental Network Information Evening – 27th January 2022

Speaker Biographies



Matthew Jerreat

Chair, South West Local Dental Network

Consultant in Restorative Dentistry

Associate Professor in Clinical Education Plymouth University

Training Program Director South West (Restorative Dentistry and Periodontology)

Matt was the Chair of the Restorative Dental Managed Clinical Network (MCN) in the region before taking up his role as LDN Chair earlier this year. He is a Restorative Dental Consultant Surgeon managing patients with head and neck cancer and developmental disorders working at Musgrove Park Hospital in Somerset and an Associate Professor in Clinical Education at the Peninsula Dental School, Plymouth University, responsible for the implant dentistry modules for the postgraduate cert/diploma/masters in Restorative Dentistry and Periodontology. He is also the Training Programme Director for Restorative Dentistry in the South West and lead for National recruitment in this specialty.

Christina Worle

MCGDent, MSc (Restorative Dentistry), BDS, BSc.

Clinical Fellow South West NHS Regional Clinical Fellowship Scheme



Claire Forbes-Haley

Chair, South West Restorative Dentistry MCN
Consultant in Restorative Dentistry

After qualifying at Bristol Dental Hospital, Claire worked in general practice in Somerset. In addition to this, she spent two years in hospital specialties including oral surgery, oral medicine, and paediatrics. From 2010-2014 she trained in Hospital as a specialist in Restorative Dentistry. Since 2013 she has working in specialist practice in Exmouth at Fairfield House. In 2015 she became Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, working there for 5 years as Lead for managing Dental Developmental Deformities and Abnormalities in the Southwest. She is actively involved in regional training/teaching for training Consultants and Postgraduates. She moved to Plymouth in 2020 to restart the Restorative department at University Hospitals Plymouth and is now Clinical Lead for Restorative Dentistry.

As MCN chair she wants to engage all stakeholders in creating clear Restorative referral and care pathways for the region while supporting innovation and promoting prevention.



Chris Bell

Chair, South West Oral Surgery MCN
Honorary Senior Lecturer/Associate Specialist
Dept of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Bristol Dental Hospital

Chris Bell graduated from Bristol University in 1980. By 1986, he had completed his six-year training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and took up the role as Senior Partner of an NHS practice with special interests in Oral Surgery and Sedation for a further six years before gaining his Master's in Dental Sciences in 2002. As well as being recognised as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Mr Bell is a founding member of the Dental Sedation Teaching Group and is currently also an Honorary Senior Lecturer and Associate Specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Bristol Dental Hospital.

He was appointed Chair of the South West Oral Surgery MCN in 2017.



Lorna Hollingsworth

Chair, South West Special Care Dentistry MCN
Consultant in Special Care Dentistry
Clinical Director Primary Care Dental Service

Lorna Hollingsworth is a Consultant in Special Care Dentistry working for Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. After graduating in 1992, Lorna worked in general dental practice across the West Midlands under the Vocational Trainee Scheme, before moving into the Community Dental Service. She became a Specialist in Special Care Dentistry in 2010. Lorna is a past President of the British Society for Disability and Oral Health and is currently Vice Chair of the Diploma in Special Care Dentistry at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In her role as Chair of the Special Care Dentistry MCN, Lorna hopes the network will continue to work together to improve equality of access for patients who need Special Care Dentistry across the South West.



Clare McNamara

Chair, South West Orthodontic MCN
Specialist Orthodontist

Clare qualified as a specialist orthodontist in 2008 in Bristol and completed her consultant training in Cheltenham in 2010. She currently divides her time between Bristol Dental Hospital and Orthodontic practice in Bristol. Clare also teaches orthodontics to undergraduate and postgraduate students and is past Training Programme Director for the Bristol Orthodontic Therapy course. Clare is on the Orthodontic Specialist List and is a member and examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

Natasha Coleman



Siew Leng Tan

Siew Leng is enjoying her Career Development Post and is delighted to be part of the Dental Team at NHS England and NHS Improvement South West. She is excited to be involved in the South West Dental Reform Programme to support the workforce and improve oral health in the region.

After qualifying at King's College London, Siew Leng completed her Dental Foundation Training, two years of Dental Core Training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Restorative Dentistry, as well as working in general practice. She is currently working for the Gloucestershire Community Dental Services and completing her PG Cert in Dental Education.



Harriet Buley-Snell

Regional Dental Care Professional Development Lead, HEE SW
Clinical Mouth Care Training Lead – South West Mouth Care Matters
Course Tutor – Royal Society Public Health Oral Health Practitioner Apprenticeship

Harriet considered a career in dentistry from a young age, undertaking work experience in a rural Wiltshire NHS Dental Practice. After completing her Certificate of Higher Education in Dental Nursing at the University of Portsmouth in 2012 she returned to the same practice and undertook additional duties training in plaque and debris scoring, topical fluoride application and impression taking. Having enjoyed providing treatment to patients Harriet completed her Diploma in Dental Hygiene at the University of Bristol in 2016. Since qualifying, her clinical experience has been gained treating serving military personnel with the Ministry of Defence, utilising her whole scope of practice. Harriet believes that empowering Dental Care Professionals is vital and feels fortunate to have had these opportunities herself.

Harriet began working for Health Education England South West in 2019 as part of the Mouth Care Matters team. This developed a passion for improving the oral health of those in acute and community care, something which she continues to do as programme lead for Mouth Care Matters in the South West. Harriet is delighted to have been appointed as the HEE Regional DCP Development Lead and hopes to use her own experiences to foster the development of other DCPs in the South West.