

Oral Health and Dementia

An Interactive, Practical Solution-Based Dementia Model for Dentists,

Dental Hygienists/Therapists and Dental Nurses and the Team 2019

It is widely recognised that people with dementia are not getting the service they require with respect to oral health. As a result of discussions with the University of Plymouth Dental School, it was agreed that Ian Sherriff B.E.M. would design and implement an interactive practical solution-based dementia training programme for the dental team. The following programme has been designed in conjunction with, Dr Rupert Noad consultant neuropsychiatric, Hilary Cragg, Solicitor at Nash and Co, Plymouth, Dorothy Tudor and her husband Bob individual with dementia and his carer, Dr Helen Phillips and Claire Puckey Plymouth City Council.

Meeting the following learning objectives:

1. Identifying the major forms of dementia.
2. Dementia national policy.
3. Legal framework for dementia.
4. Pathological mechanisms giving rise to dementia.
5. Examples of medication that patients with dementia may be taking.
6. Improving 'response ability' to dental disease for patients with dementia.
7. Integrating oral health into general health and wellbeing - role of the dental team.
8. Practical experiences, issues and solutions.
9. Creating dementia friendly practise.
10. Dementia friendly environment.
11. Award dementia friend status to all students

Introduction to dementia -international, national, local – Ian Sherriff, Academic Lead for Dementia.

1. Types of dementia.
2. Dementia- data and facts.
3. Dementia- policies and procedures.
4. Prime Minister's dementia challenges.
5. Postcode lottery for dementia.
6. Research.
7. Communications, signs and symptoms, challenging behaviours.
8. Dementia friendly environment.
9. The future- regionally, nationally and internationally.

**Medical aspects of dementia - Dr Rupert Noad Consultant
Neuropsychiatrist**

1. Pathological mechanisms of dementia.
2. Medications.
3. Research.
4. Genology.
5. Timely diagnosis
6. Neuropsychology
7. Clinical Psychology
8. Early Onset Dementia

Legal framework for dementia – Hilary Cragg, Solicitor, Nash and Co.

1. Legal framework for dementia
2. Your legal responsibilities as a professional.
3. The legal rights of a person with dementia

**The carer and individual with dementia's view and experiences of
dentistry – Dorothy Tudor and Bob Tudor.**

1. Dorothy and Bob's experiences, issues and solutions for individuals with dementia using dental services.

Dr Helen Phillips/Dental Trainer

1. Dental practices - 'Making Every Contact Count' for patients with dementia and their carers -
2. Practical guidance and research application when providing care for people and their carers with dementia.
3. Practical solutions for people with dementia and their carers.
4. Integrating oral health into general health and wellbeing - role of the dental team.

On completion of the above, Ian Sherriff will lead a plenary. All students will be encouraged to become a dementia friend

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