**ALL WALES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP - SPECIAL ORAL HEALTH CARE**

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**Roland Williams Job Shadowing Scheme 2019**

The All Wales Special Interest Group invites Dental Therapists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Nurses and Oral Health Educators /Improvement practitioners in Wales who have an interest in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) to apply for the Roland Williams Job Shadowing Scheme for 2019.

This scheme is aimed at those personnel who would like to further their knowledge and skills in SCD that they are already familiar with or for those who have very limited experience but would like to acquire understanding and awareness of a certain client group.

**Special Care Dentistry Areas**

Listed are the topic areas that are on offer. Each module can be tailored to suit experience and specific needs of the applicant following discussions with the module leaders. As this is a job shadowing scheme, successful applicants will be allocated to Consultants, Specialists in Special Care Dentistry, Senior Community Dentists Dental Therapists/Hygienists, Dental Nurses and Oral Health Educators/ Improvement practitioners to ensure that alternative approaches to special care dentistry are available.

**Learning Disabilities**

Autistic spectrum disorders, Profound and Multiple to mild learning disabilities, Community Learning Disability Teams, working with carers, Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty, IMCA physical holding/ intervention…

**Severe Mental Illness**

Depression, schizophrenia, personality disorders, bipolar affective disorders, anxiety disorders, forensic units, Community Mental Health Teams, risk assessment, Mental Health Act, consent….

**The Frail Older Person**

Ageing and its consequences, domiciliary care, nursing and residential homes, palliative care, agencies for older people and their carers, intensive preventive regimes, dental care of the older dentition….

**Patient Management Techniques**

Behavioural management techniques, desensitisation, acupuncture, hypnosis, cognitive behavioural therapy, mindfulness, relaxation, breathing, oral, inhalation and intravenous sedation, SCD general anaesthesia, pain control….

**Medically Compromised**

Cardiac conditions, anticoagulation therapy, bleeding disorders, infectious diseases, respiratory problems, immunosuppression, autoimmune diseases, endocrine disorders, liver, GIT and renal problems, liaison with dental and health care professionals….

**Socially compromised**

People who are homeless, asylum seekers and refugees, travellers, prisoners and people living in medium secure units, people who misuse substances.....

**Physically Compromised**

Patients requiring bariatric care, wheelchair tippers, hoists, have limited oral opening, movement disorders....

**Core aims of the scheme**

Some central issues will be covered during the scheme.

* Types of clients and their health, social, cultural and environmental factors associated with various conditions.
* Where they reside within the community, how to identify them and the different ways in which the client group can be accessed.
* The agencies involved in their care i.e. carers, voluntary sector, health, social services.
* Health problems and effects on oral health plus specific barriers to oral health care.
* Oral health and dental care for the client group i.e. care pathways, oral health risk assessments, treatment planning, skill mix, sedation, GA.
* Consent, MCA, DOLs, IMCA, communication, clinical holding, risk assessment and risk management,.
* Dental services, sites and oral health care programmes i.e. oral health promotion/prevention/education, domiciliary care, mobile dental units, mix and match approaches.
* Publications, national and local policies that influence their care i.e. DDA, National Service Frameworks, SIG, BSDH and BSG guidelines etc

To validate the job shadowing scheme, ‘Portfolios of Experience’ may be completed as evidence in the form of 2 case study log sheets or report of reflective learning.

**Who can apply?**

Dental Therapists/Hygienists, Dental nurses and Oral Health Educators/improvement practioners from across Wales will be eligible to apply.

**Support from applicant’s Health Boards**

Applicants must have the full backing and support from their employing authority. This will include two days approved study leave to cover two subject areas, travel time plus funding of accommodation, travel and subsistence.

**Organisation**

Successful applicants will contact the Speciality leader directly. A date will be agreed for the job shadowing to take place and confirmed in writing by the speciality leader. If another applicant has chosen the same topic then all three will agree a date. The speciality leader will help the applicant by supplying accommodation and travel information.

**Evaluation of the scheme**

Each successful applicant will be required to submit an evaluation of the scheme.

**Closing date 11th January 2019**