

ALL WALES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP - SPECIAL ORAL HEALTH CARE

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Roland Williams Job Shadowing Scheme 2017

The All Wales Special Interest Group invites Community Dental officers in Wales who have an interest in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) to apply for the Roland Williams Job Shadowing Scheme for 2017.

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 Oral Care 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 Consultants, Specialists in Special Care Dentistry and Senior Community Dentists to ensure that alternative approaches to special care dentistry are available.

Learning Disabilities

Autistic spectrum disorders, severe to mild learning disabilities, Community Learning Disability Teams, working with carers, consent, physical intervention...

Mental Health Problems

Depression, schizophrenia, personality disorders, bipolar affective disorders, anxiety disorders, mental health problems in children, dementia, forensic units, Community Mental Health Teams, risk assessment, consent, substance misuse....

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, copy denture techniques, dental care of the older dentition....

Anxious and Phobic

Behavioural management techniques, desensitisation, acupuncture, hypnosis, oral, inhalation and intravenous sedation, general anaesthesia, pain control....

Medically Compromised

Cardiac conditions, anticoagulation therapy, steroid 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

Homeless people, asylum seekers, travellers, prisoners and people living in medium secure units, people with addiction problems

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, 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, BSDH and BSG guidelines, Local Health Social Care and Wellbeing Plans, Mental Capacity Act.

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. The scheme will also be approved for 10 verifiable CPDs.

Who can apply?

Community Dental officers 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 before they can receive their 10 CPD points.

Closing date 1st June 2017