Our Dorset

Dorset Oral Health Programme



Summary





To develop the Oral Health Institute, we are collaborating with the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic (AECC). The establishment of the institute is part of Phase 1 of our Oral Health Programme, which aims to provide equitable and accessible oral health care for Dorset residents.

The scope of the programme includes providing equitable and accessible oral health care for all residents of Dorset. This involves gathering data, establishing a collaborative, developing a training hub, promoting research, and conducting community outreach.

High Level Objectives

1.Enhanced access to Dental Care:

- Increasing the number of dentists and dental health practitioners per capita providing NHS care.
- Working with the ADC Training Distribution Development Group to secure post-registration training posts for Dorset, thereby rapidly increasing the number of dentists in the area.
- Providing state-of-the-art facilities and access to clinicians at the forefront of their field.
- Integrating oral health into a multi-professional model of healthcare.

2. Establishing an Oral Health Training Hub:

- Providing a supportive learning environment for pre- and post-registration training of dental professionals.
- Offering hands-on training routes and skill development programmes leading to initial registration.
- Delivering pre-registration programmes and degree apprenticeships for dental care practitioners in collaboration with AECC.
- Supporting the skills escalator for career development in the dental workforce.
- Facilitating interdisciplinary training of dental professionals and other healthcare providers.
- Serving as the foundation to launch a bid for a School of Dentistry.

3. Creating a provider collaborative or network to sustain the Oral Health ecosystem:

- Improving retention of oral health care professionals.
- Developing a Network/Community of Practice for existing oral health providers to share knowledge, best practice, and develop key relationships.

4.Community Outreach:

Raising awareness of oral health and preventative measures.

5.Promoting and developing Oral Health research:

Working with Wessex Health Partners to develop and design oral health research with reference to the needs of the local community.





