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Introduction

The Dental Public Health (DPH) Group is one of the 12 research groups within the Research Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London (UCL). This report summarises the main research, teaching and NHS/policy activities undertaken by the DPH Group in 2015.

Staffing

- Prof Aubrey Sheiham, Emeritus Professor in Dental Public Health
- Dr George Tsakos, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health
- Prof Richard G Watt, Professor and Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health

Honorary Staff

- Dr Paul Batchelor, Consultant in Dental Public Health, Berkshire West Primary Care Trust
- Dr Habib Benzian, Honorary Lecturer in Dental Public Health
- Anna Ireland, Consultant in Dental Public Health, NHS, North Central London
- Jenny Oliver, Consultant in Dental Public Health, Berkshire East PCT and Buckinghamshire PCT
- Huda Yusuf, Specialist Registrar in Dental Public Health

Research and Administrative Staff

- Aleksandra Blokland, Research Assistant
- Louise Gregory, Administrative Teaching and Research Administrator
- Dr. Anja Heilmann, Research Associate
- Dr Antiopi Ntouva, Research Associate
- Vijay Patel, Administrative Teaching and Research Administrator
- Jessie Porter, Research Assistant
Current research projects

- Dental Alcohol Reduction Trial (DART). Funding body: National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), Research for patient Benefit Programme. This exploratory randomised controlled trial aims to assess the acceptability and feasibility of dental professionals delivering alcohol brief advice to adults attending general dental practices across London. PI: Richard Watt.
Journal publications


Conference presentations

1. ICOHIRP Launch Conference on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} May 2015

2. Celebrating 30 years of Excellence in Epidemiology and Public Health on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2015

Postgraduate students

MSc in Dental Public Health

2014/15 was a successful academic year for our MSc programme with all students passing their exams in August; a distinction was awarded to: Camila Avila Oliver, Andrea Moller Roth, Javiera Nazal Jofre, Aleksandra Blokland, Egle Sutaite & Renato Venturelli Garay. Special “Exceptional Achievement” awards were handed to Andrea Moller Roth, Javiera Nazal Jofre & Aleksandra Blokland for gaining over 75\% in their overall Masters score.
Current PhD students

Al Jameel, A. Perceptions of parents/ Carers of individuals with Intellectual Disabilities about their Oral Health-Related Quality of Life.

Constante, H. Exploring the influence of colour/race on dental service utilization in Brazil.

Gill, T. Oral health related quality of life affecting the service utilisation.

Jamaludin, M. A systematic review with meta-analysis of the effects of population and individual level tobacco interventions on health inequalities and statistical modelling of the determinants.

Aldalooj, E. Psychosocial Work Environment and Oral Health in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

Letelier A. Assessing the impact of life course socioeconomic trajectories on oral health outcomes in English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

Masuma M. Exploring the pathways how dental caries have impact on growth of children.

Chaianant N. Evaluating the cost to levelling up oral health inequalities among Thai adults.

PhDs awarded in 2014/15


Guarnizo-Herreno, C. Political factors as determinants of socioeconomic inequalities in oral health: a cross-national analysis

Yusuf, H. Exploratory randomised controlled trial of an obesity prevention motivational interviewing intervention delivered in general dental practice.