

Dental Task Force

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Recommendations for preventative strategies and treatment planning were originally developed by the Scottish Oral Health Group for the Medically Compromised and published in 2003 as a Guideline. The Dental Task Force have updated the recommendations and produced a Guidance document following an exhaustive literature search. The opinions of haemophilia treaters obtained through the survey conducted on behalf of the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation in May 2010 have been incorporated in addition to information on access to dental care from the last round of UKHCDO Triennial Audit. Evidence from the literature has been graded according to the GRADE system but overall there is a lack of good quality evidence based data in this area, and most studies have methodological limitations; many recommendations are, by necessity, based on consensus opinion. The Guidance is primarily aimed at a target audience of dentists and oral surgeons rather than haemophilia carers, and the intention is to publish the document in the British Dental Journal with links to the UKHCDO and Haemophilia Society websites.

The Editor in Chief of the British Dental Journal was contacted in October 2011 and would welcome a single document for the Practice/ Education Sections of the journal that can be serialised if necessary. From October onwards on-line discussion and telephone discussions between Task Force members regarding document length and content; the inclusion of links to the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme, British Dental Association Advisory Sheets on Infection Control, and the Department of Health Risk Assessment for vCJD and Dentistry and other areas of relevance for community dental services led to a final draft document that was discussed in a conference call on 13th January 2012. The Guidance was submitted for peer review by the UKHCDO Advisory Panel on 31st January 2012, and circulated and discussed at the Advisory Committee in April 2012. Currently the guidance is undergoing revision to specifically incorporate issues of paediatric dental concern, and will be resubmitted to

the UKHCDO Advisory Committee once approved by the Chair of the UKHCDO Paediatric Working Party.

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