

NORTH AND WEST BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE *ORAL HEALTH OFFICER*

GRADE *MOT3*

BASE *Lancaster/Cupar Street Clinic*

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assisting and advising the dental services manager in defining the needs of and priorities for, dental/oral health education for identified target groups. To promote Dental Health and provide treatment as directed by Community Dental Practitioners, e.g.:-
 - Cleaning and polishing teeth.
 - Scaling teeth (i.e. removal of deposits, accretions and stains from those parts of the surfaces of the teeth which are exposed on which are directly beneath the free margins of the gums, including the application of medicaments appropriate thereto).
 - The application to the teeth of such prophylactic materials as the General Dental Council may from time to time determine.
 - Give individuals advice on oral hygiene.
 - Administer local infiltration anaesthesia without the direct personal supervision of a registered dentist (Dental Therapists can already do this)
 - Replace crowns with a temporary cement in an emergency
 - Remove excess cement using instruments which may include rotary instruments
 - Take impressions
 - Administer of inferior dental nerve block anaesthesia under the direct personal supervision of a registered dentist
 - Treat patients who are under conscious sedation, provided that a registered dentist remains in the room throughout treatment
2. Preparation and participation on dental health education and preventative services in the Trust's schools, hospitals, clinics and public places (libraries, leisure centres etc).
3. Assisting in recording and evaluating and monitoring the effectiveness of dental health education activities carried out in the Trust.
4. Liaising with other health professionals to ensure delivery of dental health education is in line with the Trust oral health policy. Supply health professionals with up to date information with regard to oral health information.
5. To make regular visits to the General Dental practitioners within the Trust to discuss and identify their needs in relation to dental health and oral health education and to

keep them aware of the resources available. To keep them informed of the activities of the CDS especially DHE initiatives, working closely with the Clinical Director.

6. To visit the Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners to raise the priority of dental/oral health and ensure that supplies of dental/oral literature are available for their use.
7. To be able to give dental health education to evening classes in the majority of maternity hospitals or, other sites/venues participating in such other activities as may be determined by the Clinical Director
8. To participate in drawing a business plan for DHE.
9. Any other duties which are appropriate for this grade of staff