



ANNUAL REPORT



# OPTIMUM ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL.



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# Message from the Board Chair & Chief Executive

2021 was a challenging year, not least because of the changes to our society due to a global pandemic, but also in adapting to a remote working environment.

It was also a year of opportunity. New challenges fostered new thinking in engaging with our public and stakeholders to re-design oral health and wellness materials and deliver content remotely. As a charity, we continued to promote our mission of 'optimum oral health for all' to improve health and wellbeing and advancing oral health equity.

We are pleased to present the annual report on the achievements of the Dental Health Foundation (DHF) for 2021. Some of the highlights this year included working with the Irish Men's Shed Association and Diabetes Ireland in developing oral health messages to support these targeted groups. To encourage oral health care in pregnancy we distributed more than 50,000 newly designed maternity oral health cards and posters to maternity and regional hospitals nationwide.

Oral health through all life stages is vital. Being able to identify the causes of oral ill health and the prevention measures that can be put in place can change health outcomes for all age groups. Our resources are relevant from birth to older adults and freely available to download from our website. In addition, this year, we provided primary schools, creches, oral health professionals (private and public), allied health professionals and the public with free copies on request through our new on-line order form.

Improving health and wellbeing is a collective responsibility and our role as a key member of Mouth Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Ireland is an excellent example of working together to achieve maximum effect. The DHF also provided Secretariat Services to the Irish Expert Body on Fluorides and Health whose remit is to advise the Minister for Health on all issues relating to the fluoridation of public water supplies and its impact on the other aspects of policy. Thank you to our funders, key stakeholders, volunteers, the profession and the public for your continued steadfast support, and your active participation and engagement.

A heartfelt thanks also to our dedicated board of Trustees and our staff at the Foundation. We look forward to supporting the implementation of the National Oral Health Policy Smile agus Sláinte, and the WHO Oral Health Strategy both in 2022 and in shaping our work in the years to come.

**Dr Mary Coleman**, Chair, Board of Trustees **Ms Orlaith Kennedy**, Chief Executive

Introduction



# Introduction

The Dental Health Foundation (DHF) has been Ireland's trusted voice in promoting oral health through advocacy and education since 1977. We are a charitable trust governed by a Board of Trustees with a mission to promote oral health in Ireland underpinned by our core values of care, respect, trust, quality, and innovation.

The importance of oral health is not always understood, and inequalities still exist in Ireland. DHF are committed to increasing awareness by providing reliable, quality oral health information for all life stages. We strive to drive change by actively participating in and supporting Government policy, advisory bodies and partnerships with community and educational groups.

Our goal is to empower the public through evidence informed advice to enable a more inclusive society. We do this through:

- design and develop oral health resources for all ages, which are freely available on our website.
- actively collaborate with community and health organisations to promote oral health in Ireland.
- provide bursaries and awards to assist professional development and expertise in oral health.
- Strive to be open, transparent, and inspiring.

Oral health is the gateway to all body health and essential for overall wellbeing. It allows us to speak smile, touch, chew, laugh, taste, swallow and increases our self-esteem and confidence. Our message in 2021 and beyond for a healthy mouth and body is to:

Protect Your Mouth with fluoride toothpaste and healthy foods and drinks. Prevent Decay by reducing the number of sugary foods and drinks you consume daily. Eat a healthy diet including fruit and veg and limit sugar snacking. Water and milk are the most tooth-friendly drinks. Practice Good Oral Hygiene and brush your teeth twice a day and floss. Visit your dentist at least once a year.





Resources



# Resources

The Foundation developed and distributed new and existing health promotion resources in 2021. These support the primary school Social Personal and Health Education Curriculum content on oral health and are highly sought after. They are used by public and private dental practitioners, and health professionals as support for their patients with tooth and diet tip advice for all life stages.

They have also been requested from the community and other groups including, but not limited to dental hygiene students, early childhood educators, diabetes clinics, and dietitians. The resources reinforce important messaging that fluoride toothpaste is not used with children under 2 years of age unless recommended by the dentist. Supervised toothbrushing is always recommended for those aged 2-7 years.

This is in line with The National Oral Health Policy, Smile agus Sláinte (signpost young children and parents to oral healthcare services, oral health promotion and toothpaste use (Action 3). To enable ease of ordering of our printed information from the website, a new online form was designed. In early 2021, we reached out with a sample pack to the Principal Dental Surgeons and Orthodontic Surgeons to inform them and their wider teams that our resources are free to order.

## **Oral Health Promotion Cards**

The oral health promotion cards continue to be a popular resource. We worked with Una Woods, the children's book author and illustrator in commissioning several new images. All cards have helpful and useful tips on oral hygiene and disease prevention. They are used by health professionals and educational groups as a resource for students, families, and patients.

## Maternity and Oral Health

50,000 cards were distributed nationally through Directors of Midwifery and Ante Natal Bookings clinics. A Maternity infographic poster was developed for outpatients' areas and distributed through Directors of Midwifery, Public Health Nursing students in UCD and UCC; Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing, Waterford; Manager, Northside Partnership, and Darndale (home visiting programme runs from pregnancy to age 5).



## **Healthy Ageing**

This card was developed to help improve the quality of life for older adults and published/ launched during the festival of Bealtaine in May 2021. Later in the year, we contacted the Healthy Ageing Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital, Phoenix Park to distribute this resource. Older people in long-term care facilities are at particular risk of complications from poor oral health and increased dependence on others for personal care. Contact was also made with the Irish Senior Citizen Parliament, who made the resources available to their members.

#### Heart and Oral Health

The heart and oral health card was launched online for World Health Day in April to highlight the links between oral and heart health.

## **Adult Oral Health**

We also launched the Adult Oral Health Card in April as a paperless version for Earth Day to highlight that the Foundation supports environmental sustainability. Hard copies are available if required.



# Resources

#### Cleft Lip Palate

A new collaboration with Cleft Lip & Palate Nurse specialists, and the Consultant Paediatric Dental Surgeons (CHI at Temple Street and Crumlin) resulted in developing an oral health card for children with Cleft palate. This project will continue into 2022.

## Methadone & Dental Health

The newly designed and updated Methadone card was distributed to the HSE Social Inclusion/addictions services, and the General Manager, HSE, Dublin South, Kildare & West social inclusion/addiction services. It will be freely available in 2022.

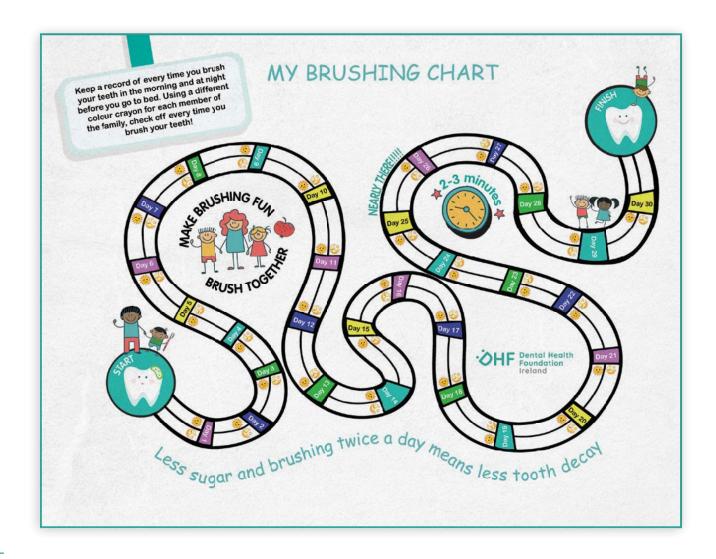
#### Men's Oral Health

The new men's card was launched during Health Week and 500 cards were sent to the Irish Men's Sheds Association.

#### Diabetes Adult Oral Health

The diabetes card was updated in consultation with Diabetes Ireland and the Diabetes Centre Beaumont Hospital and launched on the 12th of November 2021 for World Diabetes Day. Cards were sent out to the Saolta Group for the Diabetes Nurse Specialist group meeting, the Diabetes Centre, Beacon Hospital, Portiuncula Hospital, Irish Men's Sheds Association, Mater Private, and Diabetes Ireland for their member's packs.

The day was promoted on the DHF website with a written article and also published online by Pharmacy News.



iCan Oral Health



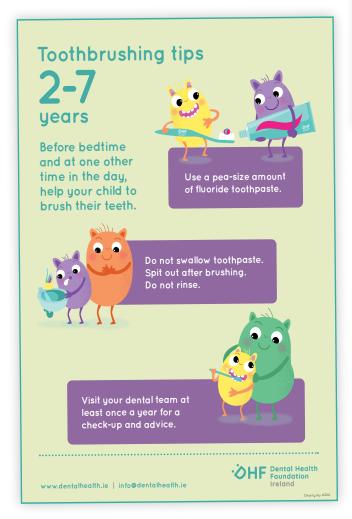
The iCan Oral Health cards are for children and teens who have the rare condition: Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA, Joint Hypermobility Symptoms) JHS and Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJD) which can all affect the way they care for their oral health where even the basic tasks of cleaning teeth can be a challenge. These resources were sent to CHI Connolly, Crumlin and the Irish Children's Arthritis Network.

#### **Tooth Tips Poster**

The poster uses images and messaging that highlight the importance of correct brushing for 2–7-year-olds. This resource was sent to practitioners and schools throughout the year.

#### **Brushing Chart**

The chart was reviewed and updated with a fun new design with detailed images and instructions on how to brush the teeth. The aim is to encourage toothbrushing by the whole family twice a day.





An A3 size has also been printed as a teaching guide in schools to accompany the smaller chart that will go home with the student.

## Sugar Clock Poster

The Sugar Frequency Clock was for re-designed in Q4 of 2021 and will be available for free in January 2022. The universal message highlights that the number of times you have sugar during the day increases your risk of tooth decay and that sugar can also be hidden in foods that we consume daily, e.g., cereal and juice.

## Dental Bingo Interactive Game

This oral health interactive educational resource for children was sent to a local DEIS school –to support autistic children as part of the personal care module (children aged 14 years with an average reading and comprehension of 6 years).







# **Alliances**

The DHF is a member of both the Children's Right's Alliance and Alcohol Alliance and continues to support the work of both organisations.

The Alcohol Health Alliance Ireland (AHAI) was established by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) and Alcohol Action Ireland and brings together a wide range of public health campaigners including medical professionals, NGO's and charities whose mission is to reduce the damage caused to health by alcohol misuse.

The Alliance is guided by the World Health Organisation recommendation that 'the alcohol industry has no role in the formulation of alcohol policies, which must be protected from distortion by commercial or vested interests.'

The Children's Right's Alliance is a coalition of almost 100 non-governmental organisations (NGO's) and is working to secure the rights of children in Ireland by campaigning for the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It aims to improve the lives of all children under 18 years through securing the necessary changes in Ireland's laws, policies, and services.

# **Educational Programmes & Publications**

## Oral Health in Ireland 3rd Edition

This publication's second edition is now 7 years old. Many new developments and subsequent research has happened since, not least the publication of the National Oral Health Policy, Smile agus Sláinte (2019). Work on the 3rd Edition has been deferred to 2022.

## Specialist Certificate in Oral Health (NUIG).

The Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion-Oral Health was delivered through distance learning in 2021. 18 students enrolled in September. The course is approved for noncore CPD points by the Dental Council. The DHF printed the course Modules in hard copy for distribution to current students. In September, the Foundation presented a remote workshop to these students highlighting current issues in oral health emphasising the new world Health Organisation Draft Global Oral Health Strategy. Sample oral health promotional resources were sent to the workshop participants.

The DHF is a member of the Programme Board for Health Promotion MA Postgraduate Diploma and Specialist Certificate, NUIG and meets annually to review the Diploma and Specialist Certificate programmes in health promotion and discuss proposed course amendments/ developments.



Advocacy & Collaborations



# **Advocacy & Collaborations**

#### **National Dairy Council**

DHF created the original oral health module with the National Dairy Councils' Moo Crew programme for Junior and Senior infants (linked to the SPHE curriculum) Updated annually it has now also moved online.

## Healthy Ireland Smart Start Programme 2021

Throughout the year a significant number of resources were provided for the roll out of the new Healthy Ireland Smart Start programme for the under 3's and the new programme for 3–5-year-olds.

#### Geneses Programme

The DHF provided support to the Geneses programme. This consortium of partnerships programmes aims to foster wellbeing and developmental outcomes for children from prebirth to 6 years targeted to children living in areas of disadvantage. Our resources went into 1,000 activity packs distributed to children. Up to 150 new mothers also received self-care packs as part of the campaign to promote oral health in disadvantaged areas in Co. Louth.

# Mouth Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Ireland (MHNCI)

The Foundation is one of the stakeholders in this collaborative group and meets circa 8 times annually. The mission of the MHNCAI is to work collectively to promote public and professional awareness of Mouth Head and Neck Cancer (doctors, dentists, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals).

Membership includes Mouth Head & Neck Cancer Survivors, Dublin Dental University Hospital, Cork University Dental School and Hospital, the Dental Health Foundation, the Irish Cancer Society, Irish Dental Association, the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), and SpunOut.ie. In 2021 the Team worked on a new Strategic Plan, Work Plan and Communications Strategy for Mouth Cancer Awareness Day.

## Mouth Cancer Awareness Day (MCAD), September 15th

The Group collaborated with Alcohol Action Ireland, the HSE Alcohol Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme and HSE Communications to develop a campaign to heighten awareness between mouth cancer and alcohol. This included the broadcasting of a webinar 'Alcohol and Cancer – Reducing the Risk'. 1 CDP credit was approved by the Royal College of Physicians Ireland for health professional attendance at the webinar. Alcohol Action Ireland provided a podcast on the direct link between alcohol and cancer on their series 'The Alcohol File'.

All of these activities were promoted on social media and through newspaper and radio media including an Irish Independent newspaper feature, Newstalk Radio, letter to the Editor highlighting the importance of early detection and a regular dental check-up. Overall, the impact and media/social media coverage were excellent. Messaging was clear, informative, straightforward, and well-coordinated.

## Children's Healthy Teeth Brochure (Working Title).

The Foundation began preliminary work on a pilot project partnership with a senior public dental surgeon and an assistant director of public health nursing to develop a take-home brochure/leaflet for parents on children's oral health. It will highlight oral hygiene and the importance of early intervention in practice, nutrition, and prevention. The project is expected to be completed in 2022 with a first print run of 6,000. There is further scope to expand this throughout the country. It will be a free resource for public health nurses and dentists.

## Irish Men's Shed's Association

The Foundation is a member of a stakeholder group participating in the Sheds for Life Programme (SFL), an initiative for the Men's Sheds Association (IMSA). We work towards a common goal with other organisations in this group to effect positive change for men and their oral and general health. In 2021, stakeholder meetings were held remotely. The overarching view was that all stakeholders shared the same vision – to strengthen the SFLP throughout 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Sheds were closed for most of the year.

However, a series of online workshops went ahead. The Foundation delivered 2 online oral health workshops. IMSA also featured the newly designed Men's Oral Health card in its September newsletter and 500 postcards were requested by the Sheds for distribution. The Sheds for Life Impact Report was published in 2021 and included oral health.



PROGRAMMES.



# **Presentations & Awards**

#### **Presentations**

The Foundation continued its role as a source of ongoing support and information in oral health promotion by delivering presentations and providing resources where possible. Workshop Zoom presentations were given to The Men's Sheds /Sheds for Life, Dublin Dental University Hospital, dental students, and students of the Specialist Certificate in Health, Oral Health.

Slide decks were also prepared for numerous conferences countrywide including, the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland MGDS Lecture Series Exhibitor Portal. In May '21, the DHF sponsored the 50th Anniversary of the Irish Society for Dentistry and Children. Our slide presentation at the Sponsor Gallery highlighted DHF work regarding oral health promotion and children. In September, a slide show presentation was prepared for University College Cork Dental Societies' Mouth Cancer Awareness Day event, and oral health promotional materials were distributed to all the students who attended.

#### **Awards**

The annual awards and bursaries programme is valued by the Foundation as a means of placing oral health promotion on the agenda in a variety of settings. Our awards also encourage young and emerging professionals to participate in further educational development. Winning an award is a great way to energise oral health programmes and to be recognised in the sector, and nationally amongst peers.

The Awards for 2021 include the following:

Moloney Award: The Irish Dental Association
ran the DHF's Moloney Award 2021 through their
Autumn webinar series. The winner was Dr Conor
Barry, Consultant/ Associate Professor of Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery, Cork University Hospital/
UCC with his talk 'Mouth cancer - the patients
journey from the dentist's surgery to the surgeon's
operating table and back'.

International Association of Dental Research/Irish Division (IADR): joint winners in February were Dr Niamh Coffey for 'Oral implications of prescribed oral nutritional supplements for disease-related malnutrition', (University College Cork) and Dr Mary McClory for 'Apical Periodontitis and All-Cause Mortality among 60–70-year old Men' (Queen's University Belfast). Later in the year, Dr



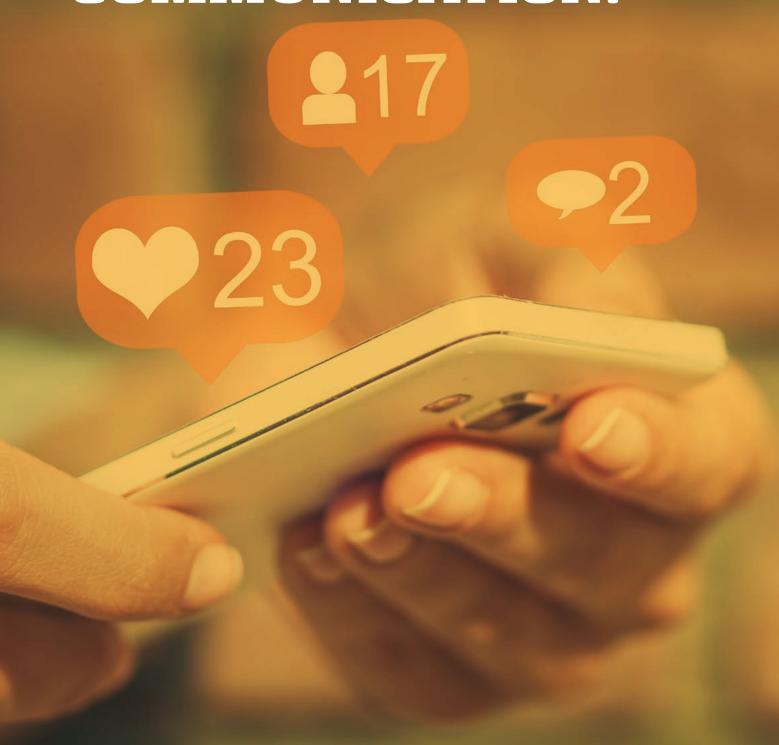
Sinéad Watson received an award for her paper on 'Nutrient based dietary patterns and periodontal disease in the UK Biobank', (Queens University Belfast).

Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health: the bursary for a newly qualified student this year went to Eszter Lujber, a 5th-year dental science student at Dublin Dental University Hospital for her paper 'What is the best way to deliver oral hygiene to residents of nursing and residential care homes in Ireland?'

Award for Best Final Project – Diploma in Dental Hygiene: In September, Ms Ruth Duffy received the award for her final project 'What are the optimum plaque control methods for patients with fixed orthodontic appliances?'

Oral Health Promotion Research Group: The DHF supported the OHPRG Conference in December 2021 with a Bursary to assist in the development of oral health promotion projects across the Island of Ireland. Dr Catherine Waldron and Ms Sviatlana Anishchuk were awarded the 2021 Oral Health Promotion Research Group Bursary for their project 'Development, implementation and evaluation of a dental hygienist supported daily toothbrushing programme in Irish preschools: A feasibility Study'.







# **Media & Communications**

The Foundation continued to be proactive throughout the year, instigating and contributing to media requests and highlighting oral health issues through its website, social media platforms and national newspapers and radio. Signature messages included but were not limited to:

Sceachtain na Gaeilge, St. Patrick's Day, Daffodil Day, World No Tobacco Day, Bealtaine, Gum Health Day, World Heart Day, World Diabetes Day, World Mental Health Day, World Obesity Day, Teacher Day, Global Health, Science Week Ireland, and National BreastFeeding Week. The DHF also produced a short video clip 'Be Mouth Proud' for World Oral Health Day.

Letters to the Editor highlighted World Oral Health Day 2021 in March an open letter to the Irish Times from Alcohol Health Alliance in support of minimum unit pricing as a key action for the Government to implement to reduce alcohol 'The Price of Alcohol'2; A letter to the Editor in August, 'Time to Focus on Dental Health'. A letter in October 'The Moment of Tooth'4; and in October to highlight sugar risk during Halloween 'Halloween, Beware of Hidden Sugar'.5

The Foundation actively contributed articles to the Irish Pharmacy News 'Promoting Good Oral Health in the Pharmacy' and 'Oral Health and Healthy Ageing'. Other articles included 'The Role of the Pharmacist in Improving Oral Health' for the IPU Review and 'Maternity and Oral Health' was printed in the Pregnancy and Parenting Magazine. Towards the end of 2021, the DHF updated and upgraded the Oral Health Promotion Research Group's (OHPRG) website, which is hosted on the Dental Health Foundation's website. This was done in advance of the OHPRG conference.

The FDI World Dental Federation produced a fact sheet for World Oral Health Day 2021 'Be proud of your mouth. Protecting your oral health during the Covid-19 Pandemic', highlighting the mouth as one of the main entry points for the virus that can cause Covid-19 and infections e.g., the flu, and how to practice good oral hygiene. It included the Dental Health Foundation's document 'Tooth Brushing and Covid-19' as a reference.

#### Social Media & Other Presence

The DHF continued a strong and active social media presence throughout the year on Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram, enhancing its oral health promotion messages and widening its reach with both the profession and the public. In August, the Foundation produced a radio advert aired on RTE Radio 1, Lyric FM and RTE Radio 2, to launch 'Protect (your teeth), Prevent (decay) and Practice (good oral hygiene)' Campaign. The campaign reached 982,000 adults.

In Q4, we conducted an audit on the viability of our media campaigns and created a draft marketing strategy to further investigate and enhance our presence and reach. This will continue in 2022. The Foundation has also begun an audit on the DHF website content and site map. The aim of this is to improve information access and relevance.

#### **Submissions**

March 2021 - To the Food Safety Authority of Ireland - Consultation: Food information to consumers - Consultation on Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling, Nutrient Profiles, Origin Labelling and Date Marking. The response highlighted the importance of making readily available, easy to understand information for consumers (at all levels of health literacy) to make healthier choices and increase awareness of sugar, fat content etc – to reduce oral and general health diseases such as tooth decay, type 2 diabetes and obesity.

September 2021 - In support of the WHO Draft Global Oral Health Strategy.

October 2021 - To the draft National Cancer Control Programme Early Detection of Cancer Plan 2022 - 2025.

December 2021 - To the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform - Consultation on Scope of the Review of the Freedom of Information Act.



Conferences



# **Conferences**

## World Health Organisation (WHO)

The DHF attended the 148th session of the Executive Board of the WHO, 18-26 January 2021. Oral Health was a specific Agenda Item. This included both the Director-General Report on Oral Health, 'Achieving better oral health as part of the universal health coverage and noncommunicable disease agendas towards 2030' and a Resolution on Oral Health (approved May 2021).

The Executive Board was also asked to provide further guidance on action that could be taken by the WHO in response to the oral disease burden. There was strong support for both the report and the resolution. The World Dental Federation FDI and Non-Communicable Disease Alliance highlighted:

- Engage oral health promotion and dental organisations for expertise.
- Integrate oral health into health services, including water fluoridation and affordable fluoride toothpaste.
- Dental amalgam.
- Sufficient budget and monitoring.
- Research must be prioritised for oral health prevention and promotion.
- Cleft Lip Palate must be included.
- Fluoride at optimal levels in water, milk or salt and affordable fluoride toothpaste.

## Policy Forum for Ireland

Policy Forum Ireland held an online seminar 'Next step for Sláintecare -implementation, regulation, and priorities for public health, the workforce, and moving forward in the wake of Covid-19', in November 2021. The DHF contributed a slide show presentation (co-produced) entitled 'Putting the head back on the shoulders' -developing a holistic approach to healthcare moving forward'.

The emphasis was that one cannot consider all body health and exclude oral health. It was delivered by both Professor Máiréad Harding and Dr Una McAuliffe of University College Cork. They discussed supporting a holistic integrated personcentred health care system to include oral health. Global Oral Health Conference at COP26 Glasgow - November 2021

## Global Oral Health Conference

DHF attended online sessions at the COP26 Glasgow about integrating Sustainability, Climate Change and Planetary Health into Oral Health and how to link into the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The COP26 special report on climate change and health: the health argument for climate action has been published with 10 Recommendations including the following:

- Commit to a healthy recovery.
- Our health is not negotiable.
- Harness the health benefits of climate action.
- Build health resilience to climate risks.
- Protect and restore nature as the foundation of our health.
- Promote healthy, sustainable, and resilient food sustems.
- Finance a healthier, fairer, and greener future to save lives.
- Listen to the health community and prescribe urgent climate action.

#### Oral Health Programme Research Group

The Annual Conference was held remotely in December. DHF is a sponsor of the event and provided a Bursary for the OHPRG Conference (see Awards. Speakers included Dr Joe Green, National Oral Health Lead, Dr Dympna Kavanagh Chief Dental Officer (CDO) Department of Health and Professor Richard Watt, University of London.

Professor Watt highlighted that there is a seismic shift regarding oral health and that it is at a much higher priority including the WHO Resolution and the Draft Global Oral Health Strategy.

The CDO gave an overview and comparison of the WHO Resolution and Smile agus Sláinte (whose goals are personal best oral health, and no-one is left behind (reduce inequalities)).

The CDO emphasised that the global oral health agenda will have to be implemented by the Minister for Health/ Department of Health.



Secretariat



# **Secretariat**



## Irish Expert Body on Fluorides and Health

The Dental Health Foundation has a Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health to provide secretariat services to the Irish Expert Body on Fluorides and Health. As the administrative arm of the Expert Body (EB) the DHF delivers both management and secretarial support on an ongoing basis, facilitating the day-to-day activities of the EB.

The Expert Body workplan is underpinned by its Terms of Reference and is cognisant that the National Oral Health Policy, *Smile agus Sláinte*, is the Government policy on oral health in the Republic of Ireland. The 2021 workplan endeavoured to support the priority actions contained in the Policy that are of most relevance to the work of the Expert Body.

As with the work of many organisations in 2021, the COVID-19 Pandemic posed challenges to the work of the Expert Body largely due to the increased workload of members, some of whom were actively involved in the frontline effort against COVID-19, and the requirement to conduct all business remotely.

The Expert Body successfully continued to meet remotely working on many issues in spite of increased professional workloads. The Secretariat takes direction from the Chair and Plenary Body and is responsible for the delivery of key support

services to the Expert Body which gives effect to the decisions and extensive work programme of the Body.

## These include but are not limited to:

- Staff support to Plenary and Sub-Committee meetings.
- Research dissemination.
- Co-ordination of reports and plans.
- Ensures finances and administrative records are maintained.
- Responds to requests for information and technical advice to the Minister for Health and officials of the Department of Health, persons in professional practice, public bodies, public representatives, and Oireachtas Committees.
- Manages the Expert Body website, which hosts information relating to the ongoing working of the Body.







Governance



# Governance



The DHF adopts the appropriate components of the code of practice for the governance of charities and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority. The DHF is governed by a board of 5 Trustees and its governing document is a Deed of Trust. The Foundation completed an update of its governance documents and procedures in 2020 which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Written codes of business conduct for Board Members and employees.
- Internal Audit and Procurement.
- Disposal of Assets and Access to Assets by Third Parties.
- Reporting arrangements.
- Reporting annual reports and accounts.
- · Confidentiality.
- Conflict of Interest.

The Dental Health Foundation is also subject to the Freedom of Information Act (1997and (Amendment) Act (2003). The Trustees of the Foundation meet 8 times per year. A quorum of three members is needed for decisions to be ratified.

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The Directors Financial Report is available online through the website and can also be accessed through the Charities Regulatory Authority.

