

Websites

The following websites provide more information about public health and health promotion, oral health, and water fluoridation:

UK professional organisations

- British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/dhsru/bascd/bascd.htm>. BASCD co-ordinates regular surveys of children's dental health in the UK and sponsors a scientific journal, *Community Dental Health*, covering dental public health issues.
- British Dental Association: <http://www.bda-dentistry.org.uk>. Professional association for dentists in the UK.
- British Medical Association: http://web.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/___Home_Public. The BMA represents doctors from all branches of medicine in the UK.
- UK Public Health Association: <http://www.ukpha.org.uk>. The UK PHA promotes the development of healthy public policy at all levels of government and across all sectors, and supports those working in public health (full contact details on page iv).

Independent oral health information providers

- British Dental Health Foundation: <http://www.dentalhealth.org.uk>. Charity that works to improve standards of oral health care, and to provide information for the public and professionals.
- British Fluoridation Society: <http://www.bfsweb.org>. The Society promotes better dental health by securing the optimum fluoride content of water supplies (full contact details on page iv).

Key reports

- The UK Medical Research Council (MRC) is a national organisation promoting research into all areas of medical and related science with the aims of improving the health and quality of life of the UK public. The Medical Research Council Report *Water Fluoridation and Health* can be found at: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/pdf-publications-water_fluoridation_report.pdf. A lay summary of the report is provided at: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/index/public-interest/public-news/public-fluoridation_report-2/public-fluoridation_report_lay_summary.htm.

- The University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination undertakes reviews of the effects of interventions used in health care. The report *Fluoridation of Drinking Water: A Systematic Review of its Safety and Efficacy* can be accessed at: <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/fluorid.htm>.

Evidence based oral health

- Centre for Evidence Based Dentistry: <http://www.ihs.ox.ac.uk/cebd/>. The Centre is an independent body promoting evidence-based dentistry world-wide.
- The Oral Health Specialist Library of the NHS National Electronic Library for Health: <http://libraries.nelh.nhs.uk/oralhealth/>. This site provides rapid access to recent, relevant, and reliable evidence.

Government funded bodies

- The Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health. <http://www.cppih.org>. The Commission is an independent, non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department of Health, with a remit to ensure that the public is involved in decision making about health and provision of health services. It works at national, regional and local levels in England to ensure that the voice of both public and patients are heard in health matters.
- Health Development Agency: <http://www.hda.nhs.uk>. The HDA gathers evidence of what works in improving health and reducing health inequalities, and advises on putting evidence into practice in England.

Wales

- Chief Medical Officer, Wales: <http://www.cmo.wales.gov.uk>. This site covers a wide range of public health, health promotion and health professional issues. The Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) leads on policy and programmes for the protection and improvement of people's health and for the reduction of inequalities in health.
- HOWIS (Health of Wales Information Service): <http://www.wales.nhs.uk>. The official website of NHS Wales brings together information sources about the health and lifestyle of the population of Wales, and offers access

to reports and consultation documents issued by NHS Wales, Welsh Assembly Government and other statutory bodies.

Scotland

- NHS Health Scotland:
<http://www.healthscotland.com>. Provides a national focus for improving health and reducing inequalities in Scotland.
- SHOW (Scotland's health on the web):
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk>. Online information provided by NHS Scotland.

Northern Ireland

- The Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland (HPA):
<http://www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk>. The Agency provides leadership, strategic direction and support to all those involved in promoting health in Northern Ireland.

The Republic of Ireland

- The Dental Health Foundation - Ireland:
<http://www.dentalhealth.ie>. Facilitates and supports the promotion of oral health in Ireland, by providing effective resources or interventions and by influencing policy, through a multi-sectoral, partnership approach.
- The Forum on Water Fluoridation in Ireland:
<http://www.fluoridationforum.ie>. Established by the Minister for Health and Children to independently review the fluoridation of public piped water supplies and the programme of research being undertaken on behalf of health boards in the area and to make recommendations to the Minister.

USA websites

- American Dental Association:
<http://www.ada.org>. Professional association for American dentists.
- CDC National Centers for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion:
<http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/index.htm>. The USA Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of United States people, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. *Oral Health in America - A Report of The Surgeon General* can be accessed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/factsheets/sgr2000-05.htm>.
- National Center for Fluoridation Policy and Research: <http://fluoride.oralhealth.org>. NCFPR was created to help provide reliable, timely, and scientifically-based information

about community water fluoridation for scientists, educators, public officials, organizational representatives, and the media.

International bodies

- World Health Organisation Oral Health Country/Area Profile Programme:
<http://www.whocollab.odont.lu.se/>. The objective of CAPP to present global information on dental diseases and oral health services.

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