

Oral and Dental PPI Group

Supporting and promoting orofacial research in Sheffield

School of Clinical Dentistry, Sheffield

Our Group

Our group is a relatively new PPI panel, currently meeting on a 2-monthly basis at the Charles Clifford School of Clinical Dentistry. The panel meets to discuss and offer an opinion on a number of aspects of clinical research, including the review of research proposals, patient summaries of research and also information sheets relating to research. The panel ensures our work remains both relevant and appropriate to the needs of Sheffield's community. The panel greatly assists our chances of a successful grant application, and feedback on progress of each project is given at each meeting.

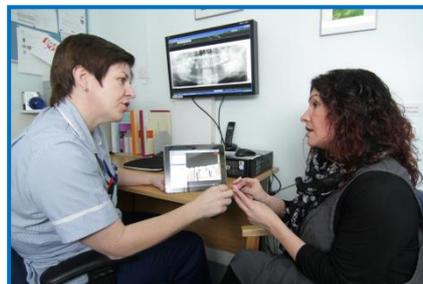
Our current panel has been recruited through direct and online advertisement. We are keen to enrol enthusiastic members who have had either general experience of dental treatment (this may be simple dental checkups or fillings, etc.) or alternatively a noteworthy experience of dental treatment – we welcome people who may be anxious about dental treatment or have had surgery to the face, as their previous experience may help us undertake oral and dental research in a manner that is sympathetic to everyone's needs.



Our Research

The panel reviews research proposals, information sheets, lay summaries and gives general advice on fledgling projects in all aspects of orofacial research. Previous examples have included:

- Heart valve infections linked to dental treatment
- Parental anxiety with facial lacerations
- New methods of producing dental crowns
- Growing nerves from tooth pulp
- Repairing facial fractures using computer technology
- Use of extracted teeth for research



Work within the Oral and Dental directorate includes both laboratory experiments and also clinical research. Both areas of research greatly benefit from having patient involvement, and previous advice from our panel has helped our researchers address what is most important from the patient's perspective.

To date, all researchers who have submitted grant applications following review by the panel have felt that the PPI process has made their application stronger and more competitive; this is really important in the current environment if Sheffield is to remain a leading source of Head and Neck research in the UK.

Key Successes

The panel has so far helped a number of our grant proposals progress to the second stage of assessment by bodies such as NIHR and MRC. As we are a relatively new group the outcome of second stage assessments are pending, although we remain confident that many of these applications will be successful.



The group has provided important feedback on a number of planned clinical studies; some of which have drastically changed in their design on the basis of clinicians receiving feedback on what the patient's perspective would be.

Contact Us

For more information about our panel, or to find out how to get involved in Oral & Dental research as a volunteer please contact:

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