

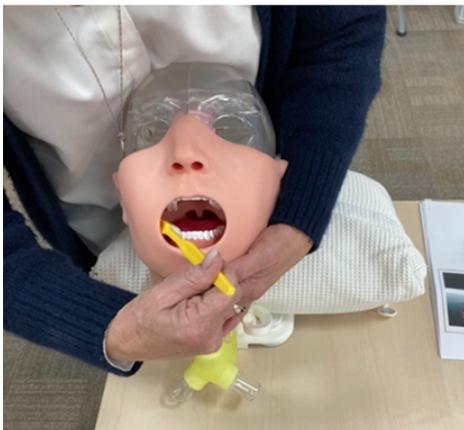
Appendix 2

Mouth Care Matters

In 2018, the Oral Health Improvement Team (OHIT) was successful in applying for funding from NHS England to deliver a programme entitled 'Mature Mouth Care Matters'. The Mouth Care Matters (MCM) programme is based on four key themes that staff require. These are:

- Knowledge of the importance of mouth care and links to general health and well-being
- Skills gained through training on how to carry out mouth care and assessment of the mouth
- 'Tools' needed to provide good mouth care
- Support from doctors/dentist/mouth care team when necessary

In 2018, the Oral Health Improvement Team (OHIT) was successful in applying for funding from NHS England to deliver a programme entitled 'Mature Mouth Care Matters'. Up to May 2023, 1,214 staff have been trained to deliver the MCM programme (717 up to March 2020 and a further 497 on resumption of training post COVID). It has been more challenging to organise training from November 2021 onwards due to difficulties in the care sector. However, practical components of the training have been supported by the advanced oral care simulator tool to aid the training.



In addition to older people's care homes, training has also taken place with Macmillan Nurses, Learning Disabilities Teams, hospice providers and specialist support settings such as Rodney House and Bridge College

An evaluation audit of the Mature Mouth Care Matters has been funded until September 2023 to gather the opinions of care homes that received training before the Covid-19 pandemic. This will assess if care homes have implemented the recommendations from the NICE Guidelines (NG48) and whether they are meeting the quality standards

(QS151). Providers of care homes and the supported living sector have already reported a large influx of new staff and high turnover since the pandemic, because of which requests for training are regularly received.