BDA Scotland Domiciliary Care of the Elderly Working Group

The BDA set up an internal working group in August 2014 to review the issues relating to domiciliary care for the elderly. Following discussions with the Chief Dental Officer in the summer, she agreed to set up a National Working Groups. The work of the BDA group was fed into the Scottish Government National Group when they first met in December 2014.

The Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC) representatives on the group are Jacqueline Frederick, Andrew Gibson and Arabella Yelland and are supported by BDA Scotland. Since the first meeting, the group has invited Dawn Adams from the Scottish Salaried Dentists Committee to its membership.

During the first meeting the group reviewed the equipment required for domiciliary visits, joint working with other groups, such as the Public Dental Service, and the need for care pathways and referral protocols.

The Working Group subsequently held an informative meeting with a number of NHS Clinical Directors in November 2014, and in December had a useful meeting with the Care Inspectorate which is the independent scrutiny and improvement body for care services in Scotland was held in December. The National Scottish Government Working Group met for the first time in December to which the representatives from the BDA were invited. The meeting was Chaired by the Chief Dental Officer and the Group discussed and reviewed the joint working between the General Dental Service and Public Dental Service, the equipment required for domiciliary visits, training requirements, the role of the Care Inspectorate, and the need for care pathways and referrals. The next National Working Group meeting will take place on 25 February 2015.