

**BDA CDS Group Annual Presidential and Scientific Meeting 2017
Cheltenham Racecourse
Thursday 5 – Friday 6 October 2017**

POSTER COMPETITION

Classes

There are 2 classes which will be judged separately.

1. SPDCS Trainee Poster

All postgraduate trainees (foundation and specialty registrars) who are currently working in salaried primary care dental services (SPDCS) or those who have completed a training post within the SPDCS within the last three years are invited to present a poster at this conference of any research project or audit they have conducted during their postgraduate training within SPDCS. Educational supervisors can offer guidance on the format of the poster but the trainee must be responsible for producing it.

2. Service Improvement Poster

Members of the dental team working within a salaried primary care dental service are invited to submit a poster (as an individual or as a group) to demonstrate a service initiative, clinical audit or implementation of good practice that has resulted in a service improvement.

Criteria for entry and judging

1. Format

- i. The poster should be in a portrait format with maximum dimensions of 1 metre wide and 2 metres tall.
- ii. The poster should present the information in a clear concise and eye-catching way
- iii. The content should be easily visible from a distance.
- iv. The poster should be well laid out, visually attractive and have impact.
- v. The title should catch the reader's attention and be accurate.
- vi. Graphics should be simple and inform the viewer. They should relate to the text.
- vii. The poster should present the information in a structured way.

2. Content

- i. The subject matter should be original and relevant to salaried dental services.
- ii. There should be clear aims and objectives.

- iii. There should be a clear conclusion and recommendation which relates to the aims and objectives.
- iv. Only key references relating to the subject should be given.
- v. The names of the authors and contact details should be clearly visible.

3. Submission of an entry

- i. An application form should be submitted before the closing date of 1 September 2017
- ii. Posters should not have been submitted elsewhere to be eligible for judging.

4. Presentation

- i. The poster must be submitted in pdf format or similar via email to Louise Foster (louise.foster@glos.nhs.uk) by 22 September 2017. Confirmation of receipt will be provided and late entries may not be accepted.
- ii. It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure the poster arrives at the Conference in time for viewing on the morning of Thursday 5 October 2017.
- iii. The primary author can only be the first author on one poster although he/she can be the secondary author on another submission. Preferably, the primary author should be available to attend the annual conference with their poster or if not at least one of the authors must be in attendance.
- iv. All those displaying posters who are attending the conference as a delegate should be available to stand by their posters during the short breaks between lectures to answer informal questions from other delegates.
- v. All posters will be displayed throughout the scientific meeting on a standard display board.
- vi. The poster should be collected at the end of the Conference or prior alternative arrangements made. If this is not arranged in advance the poster may not be returned.

5. Judging

- i. A panel of judges will be appointed by the CDS Group Management Committee.
- ii. The posters will be judged on:
 - a. Innovation and/or originality
 - b. Importance and relevance of the subject matter to salaried dental services
 - c. Overall content including aims & objectives, methodology, conclusions and recommendations (if appropriate)
 - d. Suitability of the graphics
 - e. Layout and visual impact
 - f. Overall communication of the idea
- iii. Prizes will be awarded for the three best posters in each category which fulfil the stated criteria and are of an acceptable standard
- iv. The panel of judges will announce the winners before lunch on the first day of the conference
- v. The judges' decision is final.
- vi. All entrants will be informed of the result by post or e-mail within 2 weeks of the judging.