



**BASCD Spring  
Scientific Meeting 2025**

**What I learned about...**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Cardiff University

## Welcome

Hindsight, they say is a wonderful thing. And yet, how often do we see the wheel being reinvented, wise counsel not being sought or listened to? The theme of this year's spring meeting and scientific conference is:

### “What I learned about ...”

I have invited a prestigious and experienced line-up of academic colleagues and collaborators, senior leaders and dental public health practitioners to share with us their insights into what they have learned, what they know now that they wish they had known before and what they would do differently if they were starting again.

If you feel that your professional practise would benefit from such wisdom, then it is my great pleasure to invite you to the 2025 spring meeting and Scientific Conference in Cardiff, the wonderful city that is the capital of Wales.

The meeting will be held in the Centre for Student Life, our new study hub, located on the main Cardiff University Campus, ten minutes walk from the City Centre. We have arranged overnight accommodation in the Indigo Hotel and the Conference Dinner will be held in Aberdare Hall. All are within 10 minutes walk of each other.

In addition to the formal oral presentations, we will have the usual opportunity for the dissemination of work of relevance to dental public health and community dentistry in the form of posters. Formal registration for the conference, will open mid-January and the closing date for entry of posters and for the prize competitions will be 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The sun always shines in Cardiff in June and this conference is the perfect opportunity to get away from your computer screens, away from on-line meetings and meet colleagues old and new in “real-life”.



**Professor Ivor Chestnutt**  
BASCD President-Elect

## Aims:

The conference will see experienced colleagues expand on their area of expertise and what they have learned that would be useful to others doing similar work.

## Objectives:

To explore and expand knowledge on:

- Influencing without power
- Facilitating change in primary medical care
- Being the Children's Commissioner
- Doing research in care homes
- Obtaining electronic consent for school toothbrushing
- Re-establishing health improvement initiatives post-pandemic
- Clinical risk assessment in primary care
- The use of antibiotics in primary care
- Advancing minimally invasive dentistry

## Learning content:

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## Development outcomes:

This ECPD event meets the criteria for the General Dental Council's development outcomes **A, B, C and D**.

## Programme – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Theme: What I learned about...

Morning session - Chair: Professor Ivor Chestnutt

- 09.00     **Tea and coffee**
- 10.00     **Presidential handover**
- 10.05     **Welcome**  
Jeremy Miles MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
- 10.25     **Valedictory address**  
Dr Charlotte Jeavons
- 10.40     **What I learned about...**  
**Negotiating a new dental contract**  
Andrew Dickenson  
Chief Dental Officer for Wales
- 11.30     **What I learned about...**  
**Being Children's Commissioner for Wales**  
Professor Sally Holland  
Professor of Social Work, Cardiff University and  
former Children's Commissioner for Wales
- 12.15     **Presentation of Honorary Memberships**  
Dr John F Beal MBE and Derek Richards
- 12.30     **Lunch and Poster viewing**

## Afternoon session - Chair: Dr Charlotte Jeavons

- 14.00     **Presidential address**  
Professor Ivor Chestnutt  
Professor and Hon Consultant in Dental Public Health
- 14.25     **What I learned about...**  
**Influencing without power**  
Margie Taylor  
Chief Dental Officer for Scotland (Retd)
- 15.00     **What I learned about...**  
**Improvement and impact in general medical practice**  
Professor Adrian Edwards  
Professor of General Practice and Co-Director of the Division of  
Population Medicine, Cardiff University
- 15.40     **What I learned about...**  
**Undertaking research in care homes**  
Paul Brocklehurst  
Consultant and Hon Professor in Dental Public Health
- 16.10     **Tea and coffee**
- 16.20     **BASCD Annual General Meeting**
- 19.00     **Drinks Reception and Annual Dinner, Aberdare Hall,  
Cardiff University**

## Programme – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Theme: What I learned about...

Morning session - Chair: Fiona Watson

- 09.30 **What I learned about...**  
**M Health and its potential to prevent dental caries**  
Professor Zoe Marshman  
Professor and Hon Consultant in Dental Public Health,  
Sheffield University
- 10.30 **What I learned about...**  
**Anti-microbial stewardship**  
Dr Anwen Cope  
Clinical Senior Lecturer and Hon Consultant in Dental Public  
Health, Cardiff University
- 11.15 **Tea and coffee**
- 11.45 **What I learned about...**  
**implementing minimally invasive dentistry**  
Dr Heather Lundbeck  
Lecturer and Hon SpR in Paediatric Dentistry
- 12.30 **Presentation of essay and competition prizes**
- 12.50 **Lunch and poster viewing**

## Afternoon session - Chair: President designate

- 14.00 **What I learned about...**  
**The development and use of a risk assessment tool  
in primary dental care**  
Anup Karki  
Consultant in Dental Public Health, Public Health Wales
- 14.25 **What I learned about...**  
**Leading a national supervised toothbrushing  
programme.**  
Mary Wilson  
Consultant in Dental Public Health, Public Health Wales
- 15.00 **What I learned about...**  
**Developing an electronic consent process for a  
national health improvement programme**  
Dr Jessica Holloway  
Specialty Trainee in Dental Public Health, Public Health Wales
- 15.40 **Looking forward to 2026**  
Fiona Watson  
BASCD President Elect
- 15.40 **Conference close**  
Professor Ivor Chestnutt  
Professor and Hon Consultant in Dental Public Health



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