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# Supporting Better Oral Care in Care Homes Webinar

November 2021



The health and social care improvement team hosted a one-hour webinar on 27 October 2021, with the Caring for Smiles programme manager and two consultants in dental public health. The aim of the webinar was to promote awareness of Caring for Smiles, Open Wide and the good practice resource Supporting Better Oral Care in Care Homes. The intended audience was care home providers and staff. The webinar was promoted through the Care Inspectorate website, provider updates and social media.

The webinar included:

- An overview of the Caring for Smiles programme
- An overview of the Open Wide programme for adults with additional care needs
- An overview of the Supporting Better Oral Care in Care Homes guidance and how to use the guidance in care home settings to improve care
- A question and answer session

The recording of the webinar can be viewed [here](#)

274 people  
registered for the  
webinar

109 people  
attended the  
webinar

36 evaluation  
forms were  
completed

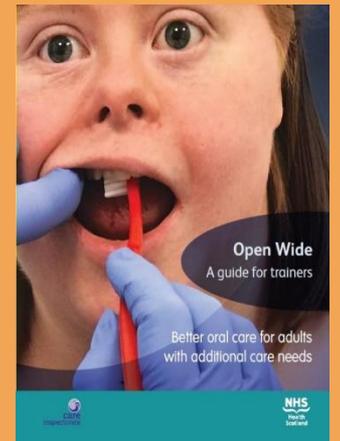
## Evaluation responses

The oral care guidance highlighted during the webinar will help me to self-evaluate my current practice.

- 61% of respondents **strongly agreed**
- 36% of respondents **agreed**

I learned something new during the webinar that will help my service to improve outcomes for people experiencing care.

- 44% of respondents **strongly agreed**
- 42% of respondents **agreed**



# Which aspect of the webinar did you find most useful for your work?

Where to get more information and how important oral care is for the elderly

Day to day practical tips

Hearing from other professionals

Learning new techniques on getting people to brush their teeth

I thought that the webinar provided a clear and concise overview of the projects and good practice

How to evaluate our own practice and links to the documentation

Different flavours of toothpaste and posture

Discussing the staff training on offer

Consideration of how to find what best suits someone

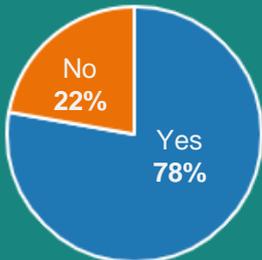
How to help people with dementia in doing their oral care

“The whole session was interesting and informative”

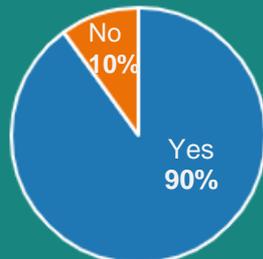
“I found the webinar to be very informative, especially how to improve oral hygiene and best practice”

“Even where people have had training, it is always useful to have a refresher”

Have you previously received training in oral health?



If you have not received training in oral health, would you consider undertaking training?



Feedback suggested that attendees found it useful to learn about the guidance, support and training that is available in relation to oral health

