

Newsletter

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North Wales Dental Academy Practice, Bangor There is so much we want to tell you about progress on the Bangor academy practice, unfortunately though, until the contracts are signed between BCUHB and the successful bidder, we are unable to reveal any more details. We can tell you that the project is progressing well; a building in Bangor city centre has been identified and timescales for fit out and mobilisation are on target to have the practice and academy up and running by Autumn 2022. As soon as we can tell you more, we will. **Stay tuned!**



Working Group Established to support the vision & future plans of training & support across the region.

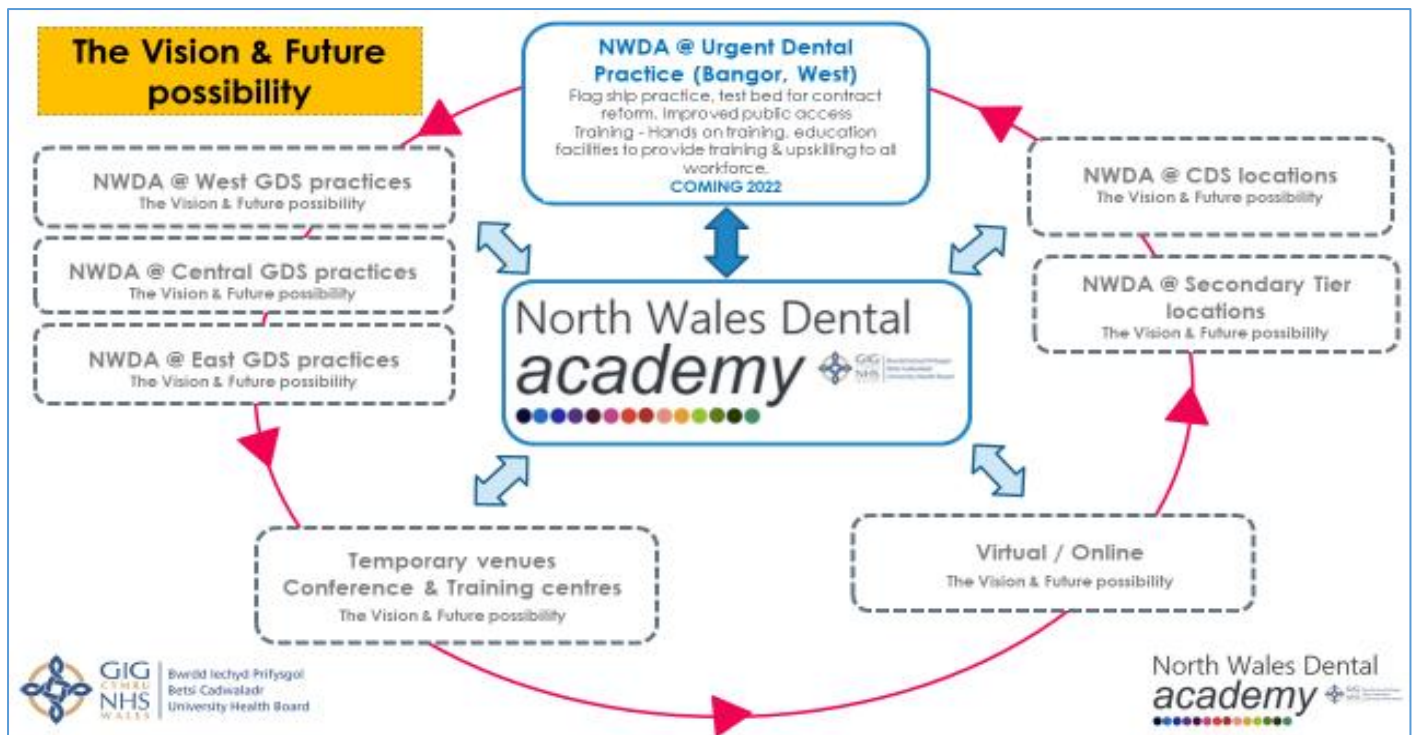
Following on from our recent questionnaire where we asked people to come forward if they were interested in providing training or support on behalf of the academy, we have established a working group. The members are due to meet for the first time at the end of the month and Dr Adrian Thorp (HEIW) has kindly stepped forward to chair the meeting. We are very keen that the academy is run for everyone but also shaped by everyone, to make sure that no one feels excluded or that their role has been overlooked. It's great that we have a mixture of professions attending the meeting from dental nurses right through to specialists and we are keen to hear their thoughts on what is needed in practice, how they feel they can support and what needs to be done to progress ideas.

What is the North Wales Dental Academy?

- ▶ **Not a physical space, a concept**
- ▶ North Wales Dental Academy is the umbrella
- ▶ The overarching driving force with the aim of improving recruitment, retention, training & upskilling of all dental staff working across the region.
- ▶ The vision is that there will be many physical spaces that the academy will operate from.
- ▶ NWDA at the Bangor practice 'flag ship' is the first.

Driving innovative change in the provision of care, linking educational opportunities with service provision and adopt working methods of the whole of the team by:

- ▶ Improving the skills of dental registrants in primary, community and secondary care utilising the skills of all available stakeholders
- ▶ Developing opportunities for Dentists with Enhanced Skills
- ▶ Providing opportunities for Tier II referral pathways
- ▶ Cascading education and learning through Peer-to-Peer training
- ▶ Increasing the potential for developing research opportunities for the whole NHS dental team



Congratulations to Bev Littlemore who has recently been selected by Bangor University as the Lead for the Dental Hygiene Programme. Bev will be carrying on the work to develop and deliver the programme which is due to commence in September 2022. The programme is strongly linked to NWDA and will see student placements being located into the academy practice in Bangor along with other practices across the region over the forthcoming years. We look forward to working with you Bev.

MaxCourse - February 2022 There is a wide variety of HEIW Dental Postgraduate Training and Education available to the dental workforce on MaxCourse.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Suitable for</u>
02.02.22	09:00 to 15:00	Making Prevention Work in Practice	Dentists
02.02.22	14:00 to 15:00	Making Prevention Work in Practice	Dental Nurses
09.02.22	18:00 to 21:00	Quality Improvement Study Club	Recommended to all
15.02.22	09:30 to 12:00	Child Protection Training Level 2	Recommended to all
16.02.22	09:15 to 12:15	Environmental Sustainability in Dentistry	Recommended to all
16.02.22	09:30 to 12:30	Dyslexia Workshop with Sign4Life	Recommended to all
23.02.22	12:00 to 15:30	Dental Nurse Implant Course	Dental Nurses
23.02.22	18:00 to 20:30	That was interesting! Cases & micro-teachings	Recommended to all
28.02.22	13:00 to 16:30	Mental Capacity Act	Recommended to all

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