



# FiCTION Spring Newsletter

FiCTION (Filling Children's Teeth: Indicated Or Not)

## Final Visit

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Look out for FiCTION champion medals and certificates which are coming your way.

What better way to say thank you to our participants for their achievement over the last three years.



## Amble Dental Practice Training

Some of the FiCTION team visited Amble in January to deliver training to this practice.

*Pictured: Helen, Claire, Danielle and Zoe*

Mark Robertson had this to say:

*"On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016, myself, Mark Palmer (Trial Manager) and Sarah Dunn (Assistant Trial Manager) visited Amble Dental Practice in Northumberland to deliver a FiCTION refresher training course. After an early rise, a coffee was well received by all three of us and training could commence.*

*Being a 'top-up' course, little was required in terms of clinical training relating to the trial however Mark Palmer's comprehensive delivery of the administrative side of things, particularly with regard to paperwork associated with final visits, was clearly well received and as charismatic as ever! With final visit windows coming ever closer, this was both an important and worthwhile endeavour. "*

## Interview with Kathern Cunningham Our new Qualitative Researcher



As we near the end of the trial it is time to start crunching the numbers.

In February, our new Qualitative Researcher Kathryn Joins the team.

Here's what she had to say.

### What interested you to apply for the job?

*"I like working in new areas of research and I haven't worked in oral health before. The FiCTION trial sounded like a very interesting and worthwhile study"*

### What was your background before joining the FiCTION team?

*"I completed a degree in Psychology at the University of St. Andrews in 2008. I then worked at the University of Edinburgh as a Research Assistant on an RCT of a psychological therapy for depression in people with cancer, before completing my PhD at the University of Dundee in the area of loneliness and cancer in 2014. During my PhD I held research positions in cancer care, cardiac rehabilitation and intensive care. Since completing my PhD I have been working on an intervention development study in the area of alcohol and men's health at the University of Dundee"*

### Can you tell us more about qualitative research, and what is hoped to be achieved with FiCTION?

"Qualitative research differs from quantitative research in its function and therefore in its methods of sampling, data collection and data analysis. It is fundamentally exploratory and aims to describe, understand and explain. In the FiCTION trial we plan to conduct qualitative interviews with children and parents to explore the acceptability of the three treatment strategies. We also plan to undertake qualitative interviews and/or focus groups with dental teams to explore the treatment strategy preferences of dentists and dental team members (so we'll be looking for participants in a few months!). This part of the study is important as a treatment strategy could be extremely effective and cost-effective, however if it is not acceptable to patients and/or parents they will likely refuse it, and if there are barriers to implementation on the side of the dental team these may prevent the strategy from being employed. It is therefore essential to explore these issues in addition to the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the three treatment strategies."

### What are you looking forward to most on the trial?

*"Meeting and interviewing the children, parents and dentists participating in the trial"*

### Will there be any challenges?

*"Interviewing young children. I'm looking forward to it though"*

### What do you do outside of work to relax?

*"I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I have an 8-month old daughter so don't have much time for hobbies at the moment. But I still manage to fit in some netball and running!"*

Kathryn will support the FiCTION trial with primarily qualitative data collection and analysis, mainly through interviews and focus group work.

### Discovery Days at the University of Dundee



Every year at the University of Dundee there are “Discovery Days”.

This is where the newest professors and award-winning teachers and communicators from the University share their ideas that inspire.

This year saw FiCTION Chief Investigator, Professor Nicola Innes, give a talk about her work in Paediatric Dentistry research, and mentioned how eagerly the results of the FiCTION Trial are being awaited.

### Horizon Dental Clinic



Horizon Dental Clinic in Monkseaton have completed final visit packs for 4 of their 8 participants:

This is what they thought of the FiCTION process....

*“We found the whole FiCTION process seamless, everything has run smoothly and we felt we were very well supported by the FiCTION team. The feedback from our patients was that it was fun and they have enjoyed taking part.”*

*Pictured: Liam Ferguson and Ian Reaveley with the FiCTION Final Visit Pack*

### BABY CONGRATULATIONS!!

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Amy Caldwell-Nichols, FiCTION trial administrator, and her husband Guy on the birth of their baby daughter. Connie Beatrice was born on 1 February 2016, weighing in at 8lb 15oz.



Pictured: Baby Connie

### Take 2!!

Also well done to Lorna and Will McPherson. Lorna assisted with the FiCTION training in Manchester. Their son Cameron William Louis Macpherson was born on Wednesday 23rd December, weighing 7lb1oz.



Pictured: Baby Cameron





## PRACTICES CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE FICTION TRIAL

### Scotland

- Anita Belbin Dental Surgery
- Barnhill Dental Practice
- Bridge Street Dental Care
- Forth Valley Smile Design
- Kingsmeadows Dental Practice
- Lomond Dental Care
- Montrose Dental Care
- Parkhead PDS
- Possilpark Dental Practice
- Springfield PDS
- BG Easton
- Broxden Dental Care
- Jedburgh Family Dental Clinic
- Kingsway Dental Practice
- Montgomery Street Dental Care
- Mount Florida Dental
- Pollock Dental Care
- Springburn PDS

### North East

- Amble Dental Practice
- Brundholme Dental Practice
- Burnett Dental Group
- Dean Road Dental Practice
- Eston Dental Practice
- Framwellgate Dental Surgery
- Horizon Dental Clinic
- Louise Hunter & Associates
- Mr A I Robson & Associates
- Queensway Dental Clinic
- Roseberry Dental Practice
- Shiremoor Dental Practice
- Shotley Bridge Dental Care
- Stanley Dental Practice
- Sunderland Road Dental Practice
- The Square Dental Practice
- The Whitley Bay Dental Clinic
- Whickham Dental Practice

### Yorkshire

- Devonshire
- Hafren House
- High Green
- JEM
- Leeds CDS
- Orgreave
- Pearl Dental
- Perfect Smile

### Manchester

- Ash Dental
- DCO Dental
- Windsor Dental

### Cardiff

- Colchester Dental Surgery
- Hillcrest Dental Practice
- Llantarnam Dental Practice
- Port Talbot Resource Centre

### London

- B Davidoff Dental Surgery
- E2 Dental Practice
- Eastside Dental Practice
- Family Dental Care
- Family Dental Practice
- Salmon Lane Dental Care
- Stoke Newington Dental Practice
- Triangle Dental Practice
- Wanstead Village Dental & Health Centre
- Westbury Dental Practice

