Current trends in Community Based Clinical Teaching and Update from Cardiff

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Current Outreach Experience Dental Students

- Early exposure, observation years 1 and 2
- Community Dental Clinics year 5
  - 8 weeks / 1 day per week
  - 2 weeks / 5 days per week (residential in N Wales)
- St David’s PDCU
  - 1 day per week for June and July, year 4,
  - September to May year 5
- DGH secondment and Special Care clinics
Current Outreach Experience
DCP students

• Hygiene and Therapy, Years 2 and 3
  – Community Clinics
  – St David’s PDCU, 1 day per week
• Trainee Dental Nurses, Year 2
  – Community clinics, 1 week
  – St David’s PDCU, 1 or 2 x 4 week block

Why Outreach at PDCU?

• Treating patients in a Primary Care setting
  – Patient mix
  – Total patient care
  – Emergency patients
  – 1:1 nursing
  – Teamwork
• Longitudinal attendance
• Bridging the gap between Academic and Foundation
  – Supervising staff
  – Relationships
  – Education
Expansion of Programme

Cynon Valley (Mountain Ash)
PDCU

- Opening October 2011
- Similar concept to St David’s
- 18 treatment units
- Year 5 dental students (Year 3/4 now at St David’s, therefore 2 years outreach experience)
- Increased Hygiene and Therapy attendance
- Increased Dental Nurse training
- Expansion of Foundation Trainer attendance programme
Next?

N. Wales (Bangor?) PDCU

- Scoping exercise advanced
- Politically advantageous
- Advantage to future provision of services in local area
- Residential
  - Increased costs to providers and students
- Capacity requirements / financial constraints?
- Joint with other Schools?
Feedback

- Consistently positive from DCP and Dental students
- Feedback gathered 3 x per year since inception (2002)
- Views sought from past years, some now several years post qualification
- The experience gained in Community Based Clinical Teaching (Outreach) is highly valued by current and past students