

## Memorandum of Understanding

### Faculty of Public Health and the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry

**Dated 29 November 2019**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Faculty of Public Health (FPH) and the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry (BASCD).

- 1) By signing this agreement, the parties confirm that BASCD is recognised by: FPH as a specialist society in lieu of a dedicated special interest group of the Faculty of Public Health and a member of BASCD is invited to contribute to Health Policy Committee and to attend the board of FPH as and when required.
- 2) By signing this agreement,
  - a) BASCD undertakes to keep FPH informed of any changes to its contact details and named representatives for the following areas:
    - Convener/Chair
    - Contact (and, potentially, a deputy) for any media enquiries related to BASCD Group's work. Both parties recognise the importance of this contact being able to provide a proactive, timely response to any media enquiries.
    - Lead for Science and Research issues
    - Lead for policy issues
  - b) In playing its role as the equivalent of the SIG for Oral Health, BASCD undertakes to:
    - Alert and inform FPH of key policy areas affecting oral health as needed to seek FPH endorsement and advocacy. FPH commits to consider this advice and engage in the issues as appropriate.
    - Provide a copy of the annual business plan and an annual update on progress to FPH.
    - Make membership of BASCD available to members of FPH.
- 3) FPH agrees to make available to BASCD certain services which BASCD may choose to use at rates agreed with FPH. At present, the services offered are:
  - a) Hosting of website content (FPH's website).
  - b) Rooms at FPH for meetings.

This list may be altered by FPH at any time, giving 6 months' notice to BASCD.

- 4) Should BASCD wish to make proactive statements to the media which has FPH included in the statement, then FPH will need to agree the wording.
- 5) BASCD will be entitled to describe itself as an FPH-recognised group, and to use the wording "recognised by FPH" in promotional material for its events.
- 6) This agreement may be terminated by either party giving six months' notice in writing. This agreement will be reviewed every three years.

Signed:

For FPH:



Professor Maggie Rae  
President, Faculty of Public Health

Date: 29 November 2019

For BASCD:



Professor Gail Douglas  
President, BASCD

Date: 29 November 2019

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### **Faculty of Public Health and the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry**

#### **Background**

This document outlines the complementary roles of the two organisations and proposes a more formal engagement and representation to facilitate improvement of health and wellbeing.

The Faculty of Public Health is the professional home of public health, responsible for training of and standards for public health specialists and consultants in the UK. In addition to its professional standards and training role, the Faculty undertakes policy and advocacy on public health issues, informed by a network of special interest groups. It has formal relationships and representations from the three Royal Colleges of Physicians in the UK.

The British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry (BASCD) is a specialist society with interests in health intelligence (BASCD expertise underpins co-ordinated NHS dental epidemiology programmes across the UK nations) as well as an interest in health improvement. It has a number of members on the General Dental Council Specialist list for dental public health. Most of these colleagues are members of the Faculty of Dental Surgery at one of the Royal Colleges with some also being members of the Faculty of Public Health. BASCD has representation on the board of the Faculty of Dental Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The Faculty of Public Health already recognises dental public health specialist training as equivalent to public health training for the purposes of application for consultant roles. A number of BASCD members are also Fellows of the Faculty via the specialist portfolio UKPHR route. The dental public health specialists and oral health promotion practitioners contribute to the broader public health workforce and is included within the FPH workforce strategy. The Faculty has advocated on oral health issues over a number of years and a Dental Public Health Consultant has served as a board member of the Faculty of Public Health.