

Dental Teaching Unit Porth

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The Dental Teaching Unit is unique and has the advantage of combining working in a Primary Dental Care setting with working closely with our Cwm Taf secondary care colleagues. The unit provides the ideal progression from the undergraduate environment into the practice environment. Over the Foundation Training year you will be constantly exposed to patients with high dental needs thus ensuring you have the opportunity to develop and enhance your clinical skills in all areas. As a result, you will get a lot of experience in extractions, support in carrying out surgical extractions, oral medicine and formulating complex treatment plans.

As an access practice, we have emergency appointments daily for patients who do not have their own dentist and are in emergency pain.

With the high needs demographic, you will have the opportunity to utilise prevention and see the impact this can have on oral health and use ACORN (Assessment of Clinical Oral Needs Risk and Need) tool which we use as a contract reform practice.

The Dental Teaching Unit is located at Porth in the Rhondda valleys, some 15-20 minutes north of Cardiff. The Unit has eight individual surgeries on the ground floor. All fully computerised and each with digital intra-oral X-ray tubes and intra-oral camera facility. In addition, there is an OPT machine, microscope and a digital camera. Upstairs there is a Phantom Head room, lecture theatre and excellent staff facilities. In the basement there is a fully equipped Decontamination Unit.

Our educational supervisors are very experienced General Dental Practitioner who have owned their own practices and have been educational supervisors for a number of years. Prior to working at the Dental Teaching Unit, they have taught both undergraduates and postgraduates. They are supported by Lynne O'Sullivan, as Practice Manager, along with a team of fully qualified Dental Nurses who have vast experience of working with Foundation Dentists. Several of the Dental Nurses have additional skills including MPWiP and placement of rubber dam.

We understand that due to the pandemic, your foundation year will not be straightforward but hope that we can help navigate you from safe beginners to independent thinkers.

