

Dental Health Foundation,  
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Promoting Oral Health in Ireland



'The Mission of the Dental Health Foundation is to promote oral health in Ireland, by providing effective resources or interventions and by influencing policy, through a multi-sectoral, partnership approach.'

The mission will become a reality through:

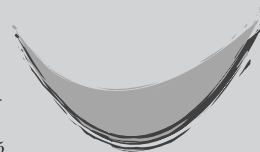
- Investing resources in initiatives that are based on sound scientific research.
- Taking a broad multi-sectoral approach to raise awareness of oral health
- Using the Foundation's independence from vested interests by providing resources and advocating policies for the sole objective of effective oral health promotion.
- Taking an inclusive approach that caters for the needs of minority groups, without exception.

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## Introduction

The Dental Health Foundation's Annual Report of 2003 gives details of the extent and range of programmes and projects that have been undertaken in fulfilment of the year's service plans. The successful completion of this work is only made possible through the goodwill, excellent support and collaboration with our many partners including consumers together with the wider oral health community.

The Foundation began the year particularly heartened by the Forum on Fluoridation Report (2002) and the National Survey of Oral Health Promotion/Education in Ireland, (NUIG 2002) both of which acknowledge the Foundation's contribution to oral health improvements amongst Irish People. Awareness of the Foundation's effective role in promoting oral health continues to grow. In 2003, the Foundation's work was acknowledged by the UK's leading evidence based Oral Health Promotion Research Group which is further described on page (10) of this Report. This follows on from last year's FDI (International Dental Federation) recognition and earlier by the National Institutes for Health, U.S.A. in 2000.

The Foundation's North/South Partnership working was recognised through our involvement in creating the vision and purpose for the Council of European Chief Dental Officers Meeting in October 2003 jointly hosted by the Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland's Chief Dental Officers.

The Foundation's 2003 programme mainly concentrated on two of its strategic priorities, Information and Education on Fluorides and the Oral Health of People with Special Needs. These were approached with rigour and effect, resulting in tangible outcomes, described in this report.

The Preliminary Results of the North / South Survey of Children's Oral Health announced in 2003, confirmed the importance of the Republic's public health policy on fluoridation, which has incontestably yielded demonstrable benefits to Irish children in recent decades. However, the Report cautioned that "despite the overall decline in decay levels over the last three decades there is little cause for complacency since tooth decay continues to be a very common childhood disease".

These results reaffirm the value of the Foundation's action research projects currently addressing the critical importance of the appropriate use of fluoride toothpaste for parents and carers of children aged between 0-2 and 2-7 years old. These projects are identifying models of best practice for use with the most vulnerable of children who are at high risk of dental decay development. One of these research projects has been successfully tested and ready for implementation by the Health Care System.

Another major strategic focus was advancing the oral health and special needs agenda in support of 'The European Year of People with Disabilities', a number of research initiatives were agreed, following consultation with users and providers of dental services. They focus on the development and improvement of evidence based service delivery to prioritised, targeted special needs groups across the country. They include feasibility studies on the effectiveness with which people with learning disabilities use dental services and the oral health requirements of pre-school children with special needs.

Overall, the Foundation's 2003 programmes were delivered against the backdrop of the most ambitious Health Service Reform in thirty years and referenced in May 2003 when the Department of Health and Children's 'Statement of Strategy 2003 – 2005' was published by the Minister for Health and Children. This document set out the Department's responsibility "to lead and drive change and improvement in the health system, regulate services to ensure equity and quality and ensure accountability from all parts of the system throughout this period of change". This was swiftly followed by the Health Service Reform Programme in June. The Foundation used this opportunity to give voice to the shared hopes and concerns surrounding the planned reform and contributed views to how the changes might best be implemented. It presented an opportunity to advance the oral health agenda through joined-up working, coalitions and partnership.

## Governance Framework - our way of working

The Foundation is a charitable trust and its 'declaration of trust' outlines the governance framework for the organisation. Membership of the board is set out on page 17 of this report.

The Dental Health Foundation's work is informed directly by the Department of Health and Children's plan for improving the oral health of Irish people.

In particular, the Foundation's commitment to an evidence based approach to its work, underpins the priority that is placed on core partnership programmes with the Department of Health and Children, the Health Promotion Unit, the Health Boards, the universities including the Dental Schools and Centres of Research. The Foundation also works with many other agencies and individuals both within the dental profession, allied health and education professionals and the wider community. Examples of such work programmes can be viewed on the Foundation's website at [www.dentalhealth.ie](http://www.dentalhealth.ie)

Each year the Foundation produces a service plan setting out its work reflecting the five strategic objectives of: advocacy; information and education on fluorides; people with special needs; multi-sectoral working; and supporting health professionals. The plan is guided by the public dental services priorities. Ongoing research and consultation amongst consumer groups and allied partners in health promotion also provide information.

Funding support is provided by the Department of Health and Children and revenue from other appropriate sources is also sought to supplement programme developments if necessary. Discussions are held with the Eastern Regional Health Authority to determine a programme for expenditure.

Overall, the Board of Trustees of the Dental Health Foundation, ensures that;

- an Annual Report and Set of Audited Accounts is submitted to the grant authority in line with the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.
- an annual 'Tax Clearance' Certificate issued to the Dental Health Foundation by the Revenue Commissioners is also submitted
- a Service Plan is submitted annually to the Eastern Regional Health Authority

### New Development:

The Department's Freedom of Information Unit identified the Foundation as an agency to be included under the FOI in October 2003. We are currently putting arrangements in place to meet this requirement.

## North South Working

The aim of the Foundation's work in this area is to enhance partnership working, by supporting health professionals in sharing best practice and building on the strengths of the two different dental public health systems.

The *Oral Health Managers Society of Ireland (OHMSI)* was consolidated in February 2003 at the second annual conference, supported by the Foundation. The OHMSI was founded in 2002 as a forum for public dental surgeons from both parts of Ireland to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest. The February 2003 meeting produced a report on proceedings, under the advice and guidance of the Foundation. The report was distributed to all delegates who attended the February symposium and is available on the Foundation's website.

An *Irish link branch of the Oral Health Promotion Research Group (UK)* was established. This group aims to raise the status of Oral Health Promotion, through the dissemination of good practice based on a sound theoretical framework and practical research. A Steering Committee was established, at its inaugural meeting held in Roscommon in September 2003, under the advice and guidance of the DHF to action key discussion and decision points. Dr Matt Walshe, Principal Dental Surgeon, Western Health Board hosted the event which was officially opened by Mr Seamus Mannion, Regional Manager Community Services, Western Health Board. Approximately 100 delegates attended from North and South.

The *Council of European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO) Meeting Belfast 2003*. The Dental Health Foundation was delighted to be a collaborative partner at the invitation of Mrs Doreen Wilson, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland and Dr Gerard Gavin, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health and Children, Republic of Ireland, the Institute of Public Health in Ireland was also a collaborative partner and this partnership initiative created the vision and purpose for the Belfast meeting in consultation the CECDO membership. A detailed report on the proceedings and the evaluation of the meeting itself was prepared for the CECDO membership.

### Action Research on Fluoride Toothpaste

The research evaluation of the 'Winning Smiles' initiative was originally reported on in the Summer 2003 edition of our news report and progressed well throughout the year, with further details presented in the Winter Edition 'Mouthpiece'. This programme of research is funded jointly by the Research and Development Office, Directorate of the Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Agency and the Health Promotion Unit, Department of Health and Children, Republic of Ireland, and is co-ordinated and facilitated by the Dental Health Foundation. The aim of the research is to evaluate the effectiveness of an oral health promoting school based programme to provide for the use of fluoride toothpaste by children in primary education residing and attending schools in areas of high social deprivation. Membership of the Steering Committee includes: Oral Health Services, Research Centre, Cork; Northern Area Health Board; Queen's University Belfast; Eastern Health and Social Services Board; South Western Area Health Board (SPHE); National Parents Council (Primary); HeBE Programme of Action for Children and the Dental Health Foundation, Ireland. Key outcomes of work on this initiative during 2003 included, an agreed protocol; partnership development and teamwork at steering committee and sub-committee level; design and presentation of an educational tool kit consistent with best practice guidelines in the North and the South; creation of a micro-site to facilitate team communication and project management; the exploration of 'Story Dialogue' workshops; baseline data collection; and the delivery of the educational component of the programme.

## ADVOCACY

The Foundation's advocacy role contributes to emerging public health policies and the implementation of existing policies which identify oral health as an integral part of general health and well being of the population.

### Submissions

The Foundation continues to make maximum use of submissions, reports and representation to advance the oral health promotion agenda. Its most recent work involves a response to calls for submissions by the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland to its Consultation Document 2003 entitled children's Advertising Code. The Foundation has taken part in the consultation process for the National Action Plan against Poverty and Social Exclusion (NAPINCL) Ireland 2003 – 2005, organised by the Combat Poverty Agency.

### Consultations

- **Health Service Reform**

This small open organisation, welcomes the Health Service Reform programme and the opportunity it presents to influence the change process by active engagement and advocate for appropriate integration of oral health into public health policy, ensuring continued improvement in oral health for all, particularly those most at risk in our society.

It is widely accepted that the community and voluntary sector has an important role to play in the health service reform programme and therefore was actively engaged with the Consultation Process, through the Wheel, an umbrella body for the sector. In a written submission, prepared together with 33 other agencies, the Foundation gave voice to the shared hopes and concerns surrounding the planned reform and contributed views to how the changes might best be implemented.

- **Health Inequalities in Ireland**

The Dental Health Foundation, through its membership of the Public Health Alliance Ireland (PHAI), has used the opportunity to add its voice to shared concerns about health inequalities in Ireland and in particular oral health. These concerns are now expressed in a report drafted by a sub group of the Council Members of the PHAI in consultation with its membership. The report comprises three sections; Health Inequalities in Ireland, The Causes of Health Inequalities, and Recommendations. The report is scheduled for publication in 2004. The mission of the PHAI is to work together for a healthier society by improving health and challenging health inequalities. Mr Owen Metcalfe is Chair of the Alliance and for further details on becoming a member of the PHAI, contact [www.publichealthallianceireland.org](http://www.publichealthallianceireland.org)

### Building Research Capacity – Mainstreaming oral health

- **National Research:**

- **Second SLÁN National Health and Lifestyles Survey**

The initial report was commissioned in 2002 was reported upon in 2003. The Foundation has successfully advocated from the outset, (1998 – First SLÁN Survey & 2002 Second Slán Survey) the inclusion of oral health inputs. The Foundation held preliminary discussions with Professor Cecily Kelleher, Director of the National Surveys of Health and Lifestyle, during the year, exploring the potential use of the oral health

data contained in the SLAN – National Health & Lifestyle Surveys. Preliminary analysis of the data show marked disparities in the oral health status of people with medical cards and their counterparts with no medical cards.

### HeBE, Programme of Action for Children

The Dental Health Foundation is a member of the HeBE, Programme of Action for Children and has advocated the inclusion of oral health on the broader children's health agenda in their research strategy which is to develop a strategic approach to research and development in relation to children.

#### Objectives:

1. To identify priority areas for research in Child Health and Welfare
2. To progress research proposals in partnership with other agencies
3. To build on local, national and international research
4. To share information, knowledge and resources on current work
5. To promote good practice
6. To build up the evidence and knowledge base for children's health services

### Awards

The Foundation has engaged at a variety of levels throughout the year in the promotion of oral health through research awards programmes aimed at raising the profile of evidenced based oral health promotion research. This is an annual programme that the organisation has valued as a means of placing oral health promotion on the agenda in a variety of settings.

#### The 2003 Annual Awards were

The Young Scientist of the Year Award

Irish Division, International Association for Dental Research - Research in Primary Dental Care Award (Marking the St. Apollonia Annual Event)

The Inaugural Moloney Award – Irish Dental Association

The Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health Research Award

### Communications

The DHF produced a bi-annual news report outlining the Foundation's activities and progress during the year. This news report, entitled 'Mouthpiece', as with all other relevant information, was posted to the DHF website and can be downloaded free of charge in PDF format. Where possible, the DHF has made its resources and publications available in an IT format, and distributes the news report direct to a variety of key stakeholders including health professionals.

### Public Information Service

The Foundation deals annually with public information requests, which vary greatly in content and purpose. The organization aims to ensure all requests are answered quickly and to the satisfaction of the Foundation and the client. As well as enquiries to its office, the DHF also services all enquiries about oral health promotion made to the Department of Health and Children, The Irish Dental Association, and the Dental Council.

- **Database Driven Website**

The Foundation's website has proved to be efficient in both updating and posting new information, thus ensuring the content rich site is current and topical. The addition of a search facility has aided users in the fast location and retrieval of information. Developed within the guidelines of the National Disability Authority on website accessibility for people with disabilities the database drive website automatically posts all new information to the text only version of the Foundation's site, ensuring it is kept up-to-date and inline with the graphical website.

## Presentations

- **Making Change Happen – Promoting Oral Health in Ireland**

The Executive Director of the Foundation was pleased to accept an invitation to address the 10th Annual Scientific Conference of the United Kingdom's Oral Health Promotion Research Group. Membership of this research group comprises leading academics and practitioners in dental public health in the UK as well as allied health professionals. The Conference was set against a background of dynamic change for oral health and its promotion in the U.K. Ms Sadlier's presentation was entitled '*Making Change Happen – Promoting Oral Health in Ireland*'. Full proceedings of the Conference will be published in 2004.

- **Masters Degree in Dental Public Health**

The Dental Health Foundation's Director continues to provide a master class to the two year part-time Masters degree programme in Dental Public Health, run by the Department of Oral Health and Development and Department of Public Health at University College Cork.

- **Masters Degree in Child Health**

Discussions are currently taking place with the Course Director of the newly established MSc in Child Health, Department of Public Health and Epidemiology at UCD. Oral Health considerations can be built appropriately into this course that is a unique truly multi-disciplinary course in child health.

## INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON FLUORIDES

The benefits of fluoridation of public water supplies policy contributed to the dental health of children and adults in the Republic of Ireland over the past thirty years. Its benefit is particularly important for children, in that it reduces the possibility of dental abscesses and decay; the risk of toothache; and reduces the need for tooth extractions and general anaesthesia.

### The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children

The Foundation attended the public hearing held the 10th July last of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children on the 2002 Forum on Fluoridation Report. A Report of these proceedings is available on The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children's website, <http://www.irlgov.ie/oireachtas/frame.htm>, to access further details, select 'Committees followed by 'Joint and Select Committees', and scroll down to 'Committee on Health and Children'.

### National Research Programme

- **Epidemiological, Oral Health Services Research and Specified Consultancy Services**

The Dental Health Foundation was a member of the Oral Health Services Research Centre's project team established to undertake a consultancy research project on behalf of the Department of Health and Children in collaboration with the Health Boards. Professor Denis O'Mullane led the research team to investigate the current use of fluorides in the promotion of health in the Republic of Ireland and to make recommendations on their use in the future. This particular research project was one of ten lots awarded under the Epidemiology, Oral Health Services Research and Specified Consultancy Services for the Dental Services in the Eight Health Boards

### Schools Based Initiatives

- **Winning Smiles**

*Winning Smiles* is the title of the schools based research initiative further described in the North/South section of this annual report and reported upon in detail on the Foundations bi-annual news reports 'Mouthpiece' Winter 2003 and Summer 2003 editions, both are available on the Foundation's website, [www.dentalhealth.ie](http://www.dentalhealth.ie), under the publications section.

- **Mighty Mouth**

The Dental Health Foundation has worked with the Health Promotion Department, SWAHB and Dr. Mary Ormsby, Mr. Stephen McDermott and Dr. Frank Daly (Principal Dental Surgeons with responsibility for Oral Health Promotion) in the Eastern Region, in identifying the modifications necessary for the schools programme, ensuring it is consistent with the Social Personal Health Education of the Primary School Curriculum as recommended in the evaluation report (December 2001). The DHF has also worked collaboratively on producing recommendations on the implementation of the programme for consideration by the Health Boards. The Foundation, following a request from the Department of Health and Children, submitted a proposal for funding to facilitate the proposed national rollout of the programme and is currently awaiting the outcome of the Department's decision.



## SUPPORTING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The National Health Promotion policy (2000) gives prominence to the need for preparation and training in health promotion for health workers to support the re-orientation of the delivery of health services to a health promotion approach to support health professionals. The Foundation continues to drive its initiative, established in 1999, which:

- Provides training support in oral health promotion skills for dental teams and allied professionals involved in the various settings.
- Acts as a source of expertise and knowledge for healthcare providers and dental practices aimed at improving provision of good quality, evidence based information for providers and producers of information.

### Web Conversion of the Specialist Certificate Health Promotion (Oral Health)

The Dental Health Foundation (DHF), in partnership with the Department of Health Promotion, National University of Ireland, Galway and the course author Dr Mary O'Farrell worked throughout 2003 on reviewing and developing the outreach health promotion and distance education programmes with credits towards the Specialist Certificate Health Promotion (Oral Health), for web conversion.

In parallel to this work a further 14 students graduated from the paper based Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion (Oral Health) on the 18th October 2003 in NUI, Galway, bringing the total number of graduates since the course inception in 1997, to well over one hundred.

### Professional Bodies

Work with the Irish Link Branch of the Oral Health Promotion Research Group and the Oral Health Managers Society of Ireland are just two examples which are further described in the North / South section of this report. In 2003 the Foundation supported the Annual Winter Meeting of the Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons, in Ireland.

### Communications

Our website is used continually to communicate emerging oral health and related information. It also carries information on the future, current and past work programmes.

## ORAL HEALTH AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

While the overall oral health of Irish adults and children has improved dramatically in the past thirty years however, some important inequalities and oral health concerns remain. People with intellectual disabilities may not be aware that they suffer from oral health problems. They may not be able to communicate adequately their need for dental care and they often rely on their carers and health professionals to act as their advocates, who in turn may not perceive oral health as a high priority.

The Foundation strengthened its commitment to advance this agenda in 2003 to mark the European Year for People with Disabilities. The Foundation initiated a small number of specifically focused research projects, consistent with the Department of Health and Children's public policy requirements, in the area of oral health and people with disabilities. A wide range of discussions took place with both the users and providers of dental services aimed at ensuring projects undertaken support the development and improvement of evidence based service delivery to prioritised, targeted special needs groups across the country. The projects identified are as follows;

### Feasibility Studies

- ▶ The effectiveness with which people with learning disabilities use dental services
- ▶ The oral health of pre-school children with special needs.

### Information and Educational resources initiatives

- ▶ Oral Health Care for patients undergoing treatment for cancers of the head and neck
- ▶ Oral Health care and children with congenital heart disease (information renewal)

### Supporting Professional Development

#### • **The Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health**

The Foundation provided support to the Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health (ISDOH) and promoted their activities in each edition of the Foundation's news report. As highlighted in the Awards section the Foundation has been working with the ISDOH on the development of an award for a protocol/ abstract of a project in the area of Special Care Dentistry. The intention is that the successful applicant will use a bursary to travel to a national or international conference in order to present the results of their work.

#### • **E-Learning Programme in Special Care Dentistry**

Work commenced in 2003 at the Dublin Dental School & Hospital on modules for the interactive, web-based program to deliver education at different levels to members of the dental team. The areas covered included defining disability and special needs and raising disability awareness for the uninitiated. The Foundation supported this programme in 2003 and continues to do so in 2004.

## MULTI-SECTORAL WORKING

The Health Strategy (2001) recognises that in health programmes concerned with lifestyles, influences beyond the control of the individual need to be addressed through the use of a broad multi-sectoral approach.

This approach is central to the Foundation's main agenda. The mouth reflects general health and well-being. General health risk factors, such as tobacco, alcohol use and poor dietary practices, common to chronic diseases e.g. cardiovascular diseases and cancer, also affect oral and craniofacial health. It is clear therefore that when considering strategies for the control of oral diseases, they should not be developed in isolation, but as part of a "common risk factor approach" designed to control those risks common to a number of these diseases.

### Schools Initiative

#### Cool Water Cool Smiles in one Donegal School!

The North Western Health Board in association with the DHF established a Steering Committee during 2003, with key stakeholders to develop an innovative project titled Cool Water Cool Smiles. This initiative was aimed at promoting healthier drink choices for first year post primary students in selected Donegal schools. This initiative emerged out of concerns regarding the rapid increase in the consumption of soft drinks, as frequent intake can lead to dental decay, erosion of the tooth structure and displacement of milk in the diet of girls. This initiative is expected to report in 2004. Further details are available in the Winter 2003 edition of 'Mouthpiece', the News Report of the Dental Health Foundation.

#### Healthy Teeth and Bones

The Foundation advised the National Dairy Council on the development of a new national resource pack aimed at helping teachers to promote bone health and dental health. This programme is consistent with the school Social Personal and Health Education Curriculum. The Foundation was pleased to advise the Council on the evidence base for this oral health information and welcomed its production as another example of integrated oral health promotion.

### Representation

The Foundation has throughout 2003 worked on a number of fora and steering groups thus building oral health capacities into the wider health agenda. The following is a sample, of the variety of programmes on which the Foundation has enjoyed representation:

- The Child Health Research Forum - HeBE
- National Smoking Cessation Steering Committee – DOH&C
- The Irish Heart Alliance

### Conference Participation

The Foundation has also been represented at a number of key conferences at which it made appropriate contributions through active participation in feedback, open discussion and workshop sessions. The following are just some of those attended;

- The Health Promoting Winter School 2003 – hosted by the South Western Area Health Board
- Smokers Attitudes, Behaviour and Cessation – hosted by the Office for Tobacco Control
- The National Health and Lifestyle Surveys Launch – hosted by Department of Health and Children and NUI, G.
- Building Healthy Communities – hosted by DOH&C and Combat Poverty Agency
- Smoking Cessation: Current Practice and Future Directions – hosted by Ireland-Northern Ireland-National Cancer Institute Cancer Consortium
- Children's Advertising Code-Phase Two Consultation Media Launch – hosted by the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland
- Measuring Up – Children's, wellbeing from infancy to adolescence hosted by the Programme of Action for Children HeBE.
- Summer School – Determinants of Population Health - European Dimension, hosted by University College Cork.
- Summer Conference, Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health
- Summer Conference 2003 hosted by the National University of Ireland, Galway
- National Action Plan Against Poverty and Social Exclusion 2003 –2005, hosted by Combat Poverty Agency
- Building Healthy Communities Conference: Putting Poverty and Social Inclusion at the Centre of Health Policy and Practice, hosted by Combat Poverty Agency
- Health Impact Assessment: An introductory Seminar, hosted by the Institute of Public Health in Ireland
- 'Towards Ethical Guidelines for Disability Research hosted by National Disability Authority

### Oral Health and Tobacco

The Foundation fully supports measures being put in place to counteract the harmful effects of Tobacco. Tobacco use is harmful. It remains the most common cause of addiction and preventable illness, disability, and death. Its use compromises patients medical and dental care and presents serious threats to their health and well-being and to the health and well-being of their families, associates, and community.

The Foundation is contributing to the development of this agenda at two significant levels – membership of the Department of Health and Children's, National Smoking Cessation Steering Committee to support the "Smoke Free at Work Initiative", and Regional Health Board level, where it is engaged in a pilot smoking cessation-training programme for dental staff.

Advice from health professionals has been shown to be a powerful influence on patient decisions to stop or not begin using tobacco. Tobacco-induced changes in the mouth provide an excellent opportunity to encourage patients to stop its use. Comments about future personal risks or tobacco's effects on thousands of other individuals do not mean as much to patients as showing what is happening to them at the moment. The Foundation was successful in securing support for this initiative with the Irish Dental Association and the Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons in Ireland.

## CONCLUSION

The Foundation completed its 2003 programme, which has endeavoured, under considerable financial constraints, to maintain a viable programme of activities, which positively support its strategic objectives, and maintains the Foundation's corporate image as a valued provider of advocacy and information on oral health matters. In particular, the valuable support and interest of the Department of Health and Children's, Deputy Secretary General and his officials for the Foundation's 2003 programme is greatly appreciated.

The co-operation and support of the Eastern Regional Health Authority and the South Western Area Health Board is also appreciated. In particular Dr. Barney Murphy, Principal Dental Surgeon, Evaluation & Planning, Dental Services and Board member ERHA.

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- North Eastern Health Board
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- South Eastern Health Board
- Southern Health Board
- The National Adult Literacy Agency
- Western Health Board
- WHO Oral Health Services Research Centre, University College Cork
- Institute of Public Health in Ireland.

## Dental Health Foundation

Financial Data 2003

### Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st December

	2003	2002
	€	€
<b>Income:</b>		
Department of Health and Children	379,532	471,000
Other Income	4,061	7,669
	<u>383,593</u>	<u>478,669</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Pay expenditure	184,867	174,007
Non-pay expenditure	207,712	417,611
	<u>392,579</u>	<u>591,618</u>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<u>(8,986)</u>	<u>(112,949)</u>

### Balance Sheet At at 31st December

	2003	2002
	€	€
Tangible fixed assets	<u>16,079</u>	<u>17,619</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	5,480	5,539
Cash at bank	146,777	190,492
	<u>152,257</u>	<u>196,031</u>
Creditors	(85,043)	(121,371)
Net Current Assets	<u>67,214</u>	<u>74,660</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>83,293</u>	<u>92,279</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
General and designated funds	<u>83,293</u>	<u>92,279</u>

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