

Spotlight on

Mouth Care Matters ECHO Network 2021



I have built my confidence in performing better mouth care and passing on my knowledge.

– network participant



Background

Marie Curie, in partnership with the Royal College of Nursing Pain and Palliative Care Forum, launched the first Mouth Care Matters network in 2021 to build on the success of the Health Education England's Mouth Care Matters programme.

Our community

Non-registered staff which includes health care assistants (HCA), support care workers (SCW) and care assistants (CA) from all care settings who carry out mouth care for people as they approach the end of life.



Topics covered

- Oral Assessment
- Diet and Nutrition
- Difficult Circumstances
- Complex Conditions
- How to assist and support Families with Mouth Care

Network aims



Emphasise oral care as a priority for people approaching the end of life



Enable access to specialist knowledge and expertise in oral health care



Improve and increase knowledge, confidence, skills and attitudes in the care and management of oral health care in end-of-life care through case-based learning

Echo Sessions

7

Total registered participants

61

Average participants per session

20

Education and Case Presentations

6



Successes and highlights

Creation of Mouth Care Matters in end-of-life Facebook group with over 650 participants

RCN Publication endorsed by Marie Curie [Mouth Care Matters in End-of-Life Care](#)

What was most useful?



I found it very, very interesting and really good to take away and it gave me a lot of confidence to think that I can do much better with mouth care



There were people from all over the country, it was quite amazing how far and wide they came from



More knowledge of how to care for the mouth and how to get someone to open their mouth and be confident that you can do it