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PRESS RELEASE

Dentistry training gets its teeth into e-learning with e-Den

e-Den, the national e-learning initiative encompassing dentistry's foundation years, was officially launched on 15 October 2009 at a special event at The Royal College of Pathologists, London.

The e-Den project is the first major collaboration between the four dental faculties of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh and Glasgow and the Department of Health, England (DH). It is one of several programmes in different specialties that are being developed as part of the DH's e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) initiative.

The curriculum for e-Den has been written by subject specialists and around 500 e-learning sessions will cover four domains; Clinical, Management and Leadership, Professionalism and Communication.

The launch of e-Den saw over 80 representatives from various dentistry bodies across the country as well as tutors and Deans from each of the four faculties gather together. Amongst the speakers were Dental Care Professional (DCP) Advisory Board Member, Tony Griffin, Chair of Committee of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors (COPDEND), Chris Franklin, and e-Den Trainee Representative, Esmat Dogramaci. Attendees were also given the opportunity to view some of the sample e-Den sessions.

e-Den Clinical Lead, Paul Brunton said, "This is an innovative initiative that will help revolutionise dental training in the UK. It is an excellent example of partnership working between the four dental faculties and the Department of Health, and will undoubtedly help lay the foundations of tomorrow's dentistry today."

The day concluded with closing comments from the DH e-LfH National Programme Director, Alan Ryan, who said "As a mode of delivery for educational material, e-learning harnesses



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technology to support flexible and self-directed learning for today and tomorrow's dental workforce."

The e-Den project will be available nationwide and free of charge to all NHS trainees and all relevant staff with an NHS contract in early 2010. e-Den will be a valuable tool for Dental Foundation Training schemes to use as part of supporting postgraduate training for dentistry, by promoting a consistent standard of knowledge, skills and expertise across the country. It will also be used for re-certification and continuous professional development schemes for experienced practitioners.

For more information, or to sign up for news about e-Den visit www.e-lfh.org.uk/dentistry or contact the e-Den team: dentistry.support@e-lfh.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

1. The four dental faculties mentioned are the Faculty of Dental Surgery and the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) of The Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Dental Faculty of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.
2. The faculties aim to promote excellence in the standards of patient care across the breadth of the dental profession by encouraging involvement in postgraduate training and assessment, education and research. They support the career development of dentists and DCPs and recognise the value of an integrated dental team in modern dentistry.
3. e-LfH is a Department of Health programme working in partnership with professional bodies and the NHS to develop nationally quality assured e-learning content for the NHS workforce.
4. Images and logos are available on request.

