

# The State of Adult Oral Health- Evidence, Inequality and Action

Thursday 30 April 2026

RCS Eng. Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3PE [Lumley Library]

Time	Topic
8.30am	Registration and morning refreshments
9.15am	<b>Welcome</b> Dr Charlotte Eckhardt <i>Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England</i> <i>Consultant Orthodontist, Swansea Bay University Health Board</i>
9.20am	<b>Introduction</b> Rev'd Professor Jenny Gallagher MBE, Conference Chair Objectives: This symposium will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide an overview of adult oral health in England across sociodemographic groups and regions.</li><li>2. Explore adults' use of dental services, including variations in access and the barriers that shape service use.</li><li>3. Examine long-term trends in oral health and dental service patterns.</li><li>4. Discuss the implications of AOHS 2023 for policymakers, dental organisations, dental professionals, and the public across both NHS and private settings.</li></ol>
	<i>Where are we now?</i>
9.30am	<b>AOHS 2023 Methodology</b> Ms Dhriti Mandalia
9.45am	<b>Clinical Oral Health: Caries, Restoration, Replacement</b> Prof Jenny Gallagher and Professor Nigel Pitts
10.15am	<b>Clinical Oral health: Perio/Tooth Wear</b> Dr John Morris

10.35am	<b>Oral Health Related Quality of life and Oral Health Behaviours</b> Dr Anja Heilmann
11am	<b>Morning refreshment break</b>
11.30am	<b>Health Services</b> Dr Richard Holmes
	<i>How does this compare to the past?</i>
11.50am	<b>Trends</b> Professor George Tsakos
12.15pm	<b>Morning panel discussion– Focus on Diagnosis/Situation Analysis</b>
12.45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.45pm	<b>Where do we want to be and how do we get there? Test our paper 6 thoughts in a joint presentation? Policy, Community and Specialty plus Practice Action</b> Speakers – Clinical, Quality of Life, Health Services, Trends, etc
2.30pm	<b>Discussion Groups: faculty members plus one of us per group (same hall)</b> <b>Consider Policy, Community and Specialty plus Practice Action, both NHS and Private</b>
3.15pm	<b>Afternoon panel discussion</b> <b>What are our priorities and how do we get there?</b>
4pm	<b>Close</b>

All speakers are requested to keep the last 5 minutes of their allocated time for questions. There is also a dedicated Q&A session for morning and afternoon panelists as detailed above.