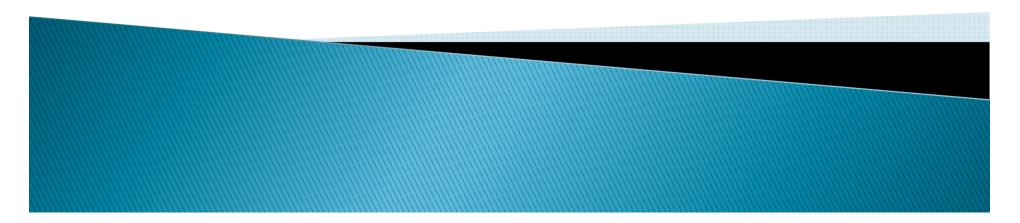


Public Health & Health Services Research Group

SOHRC Conference, 18th February 2015



Development of Oral Health Research Strategy, Scotland





- Feedback from RAE 2008

 Risk dentistry undertaking research in too many areas
 - Recommendation: Key research questions identified and tackled by teams of cross-disciplinary academics
- 2008: Review of oral health research in Scotland undertaken by Professors Paul Speight and Bill Shaw
- Strategy Development:
 - Formation of Scottish Oral Health Research Collaboration

SOHRC



Strategic Aims:

To conduct research that:

- Delivers high quality research outputs with impact
- Supports the needs of the Scottish population
- Builds on existing areas of strength

Objectives:

- To strengthen links between oral health research stakeholders across Scotland
- To pool research in areas where clear synergies
- To build critical mass: cross-disciplinary
- To submit competitive research funding bids



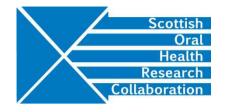
PH&HSR Steering Group



Remit:

- To agree on strategic themes for collaborative research within PH&HSR
- To identify key research questions within agreed themes
- To identify expertise required to answer identified research questions
- To provide oversight, guidance and advice for agreed research projects
- To ensure that information is shared between stakeholders
- To report on progress to the SOHRC Steering Group

PH&HSR Steering Group



- Chair: Professor Jeremy Bagg
- Members:
 - Lorna Macpherson
 - Andrea Sherriff
 - David Conway
 - Jan Clarkson
 - Linda Young
 - Ruth Freeman
 - Tatiana Macfarlane
 - Angus Walls
 - Peter Mossey (Representing the Craniofacial Research Group)



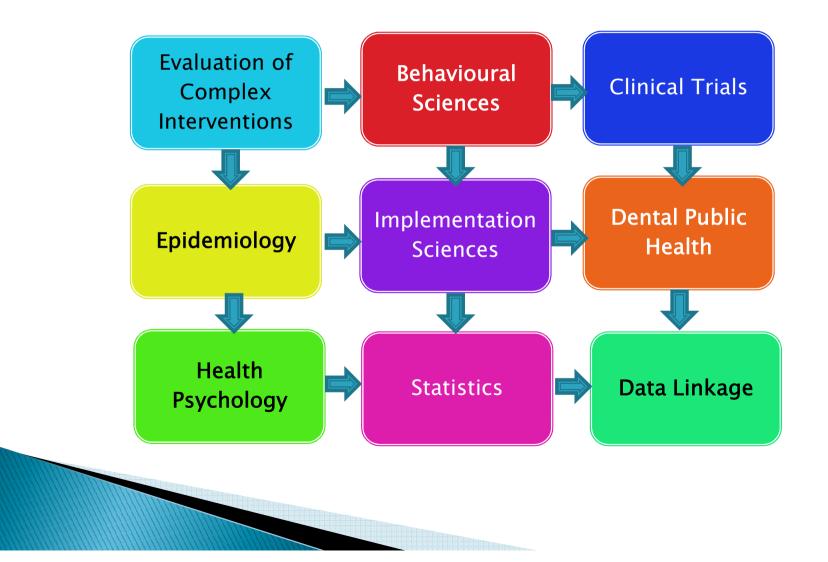








Key research questions tackled by teams of crossdisciplinary researchers and stakeholders



Themes



Oral health of older people

- National priority with changing demography
- Increasing number of dentate older people
- Challenges relating to general health status and dementia
- Publication of *Care for Smiles* guidance documents

Aim

To develop coordinated research projects to facilitate the translation of national evidencebased oral care guidance in Care Homes in Scotland, *Caring for Smiles*, into practice





Themes



Child oral health improvement

- Building on existing work
 - TRiaDS/SDCEP and Childsmile
- Developing research projects to support and facilitate the translation of national guidance relating to prevention of caries in GDS into practice





HOPSCOTCH Project



- Opportunity for collaborative research as group forming
 HPV Oral Prevalence in Scotland (HOPSCOTCH) : Feasibility Study
- Collaboration within and outwith the PH&HSR Group
- Opportunity to test proof of concept, pathways and working methods



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- Child Oral Health Audit Intervention
 Linda Young
- Oral Health of Older People Programme
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