Re: Resolution: Work-group Meeting on Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults From Abuse and Neglect

The event started with inaugural address by Prof US Krishna Nayak, Dean of AB Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences, and the objective /purpose of the event was explained by Professor Chitta Ranjan Chowdhury, Head of Oral Biology & Genomic Studies of the Institute. Professor Sripathi Rao, Dean of Yenepoya Dental College addressed the event as chief guest. Professor Vijaya Shenoy Head of the Department of Paediatrics of KS Hegde Medical College hospital addressed briefly the legislation aspects of the issue in India, as special guest. Professor Sham Bhat, Head of Paediatric Dentistry and Vice-dean of Yenepoya Deemed University Dental College, Professor Rajendra Prasad, PG director of ABMSMIDS, Professor N Sridhar Shetty, Founding Dean and Director of CADSS of ABMSMIDS spoke in the inaugural session.

The work-group meeting was held between 12:30 PM and 01:30 PM in the office of the Head of the Department of Oral Biology and Genomic Studies. The daily broadsheet Deccan Herald (DH) reported the event and explained the objective https://www.deccanherald.com/clinical-protocol-abused-717270.html with further detail regarding timeline of action for implementation, and the DH will happy to do the follow-up report on the initiative.

The consultation paper was presented over a ppt by Professor Chitta Chowdhury and the participated members of the expert group discussed on the points below:

1. **A Local Safeguarding Child Board (LSCB) and Common Assessment Framework (CAF) for the vulnerable adults and olds** will be formed by 2 members from each specialty of General Paediatrics, Community Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Psychiatry, Paediatric Dentistry, Forensic Odontology, Social worker, and a trained nurse. The members of the work-group who were present in the meeting will be included, plus they will recommend another member from each category to include, if they like.

2. **The enlisted member in-absentia** will be communicated in email for their advice.

3. The child abuse (NAI- non-accidental injuries) cases will be asked for history carefully examined and assessed to develop a report for consultation and ensure the referral to the members of Safeguarding board - **requested to form by the Nitte Deemed University (in-house).**
4. **The course on safeguarding of the vulnerable** will be developed, and the online valid courses will be organised with **CPD points by the IAOB Council for Scientific and Strategic Affairs** (Current Chair: Professor SG Damle, VC MM University Chandigarh, and the Board Director Professor Mahesh Verma, Director Maulana Azad Govt Dental College New Delhi).

5. The IAOB Council for Scientific and Strategic Affairs will **ratify and validate the protocol and guidance**.

6. **Medical Records Division (MRD) / and Dental Record Division (DRD) will be approached to** open up a new option to enter the data-information (encrypted) and the follow-up of the cases.

7. A **website for safeguarding of the vulnerable** will be developed or incorporated within IAOB.

8. General Dental Council, **GDC /British Dental Association, BDA /British Medical Association, BMA and the Canadian operational flow chart** will be consulted to set the ways of assessment in Indian situations, and they may need modification in compliance.

9. Consulting experts from home and abroad, Professor Edward Lynch, USA, Professor Martin Grootveld, UK, Professor Stewart Harding, UK, Dr. Les Prasad, USA, Dr. Ashoka Dey Chowdhury, UK, Dr. Sangeeta Dey, New Zealand, Professor Satheesh Rao, Professor Sobhan Mishra, Dr. Revan Joshi, Professor Nandlal B, Professor Ravindra S, Professor Ashish Saxsena, Professor Ajay Parihar. Professor K S Nagesh (provision of co-opt).

The **draft guideline for dental assessment** will be developed and discussed for validation by the IAOB Council for Scientific and Strategic Affairs as per timeline below:

**Timeline:**

- **09 Feb**: Minutes: are circulated (as above)
- **14 Feb**: Consultation: of the first draft by email (will be done)
- **20 Feb**: The final draft: Ratified by the Board of Directors of IAOB Council for Scientific and Strategic Affairs
- **25 Feb**: Process of endorsement with Karnataka State Dental council (KSDC), Indian Dental Association (IDA), Dental Council of India (DCI), Health Ministry (State and Union) will be communicated by IAOB
Course development (operational) by IAOB Council

Learning objectives

On completion the candidate

[Will be organised by the IAOB Council jointly with Stakeholder(s)]

1. Through OSCE: Raise the Responsibility: be aware of your responsibilities to child protection

2. Through OSCE: Recognising the signs of abuse or neglect be

Able to recognise the presenting features of child abuse and neglect

3. Through OSCE: Understand your role within current multi-agency child protection procedures

4. Through OSCE: be motivated and enabled to follow local child protection procedures correctly

5. Through OSCE: be able to participate in further multi-agency training

6. Through OSCE: know where to find additional sources of support and advice

Points to address: Development of flow-chart for management and referral.

Any suggestion* is most welcome, please let me know on the issue so that we can proceed for next scheduled of 14 February, 2019 (deadline)

* No response by 12 Feb 2019 indicates an acceptance

Kind regards

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