

Dentaid Liaison Committee Chairman-PDG Lion Roger Huntley.

Dentaid is a charity in its own right, which started in 1996, and was originally supported by District 105D. This support has continued since the change to 105SC. since relocating from a ram shack barn and Porta cabins at Landford to new premises at Totton, near Southampton two years ago, Dentaid has re-established itself and is now on a very professional footing, going from strength to strength, serving both communities in the UK as well as overseas.

Dentaid has two mobile dental units which visit homeless shelters, soup kitchens and hostels, volunteers provide a full range of dental treatments and offer oral health advice for people who would otherwise struggle to access care.

Recent clinics have taken place in Salisbury, Southampton, Winchester and Leeds, with plans to launch new services in Bristol, Bournemouth, East Sussex, Fareham and Merseyside. In the coming months once the lockdown has been lifted.

Lions helped to get the very first mobile dental clinics underway and have been generous supporters of Dentaid as the Charity's work has grown, Lions are also working with Dentaid to provide a dental surgery for a project in Bosnia, which will enable more people to access basic dental care. We also continue to arrange for the collection of redundant dental equipment from all areas of the country, which is then refurbished in the Dentaid workshop for use on overseas projects

Schools in many areas have also been visited by the mobile dental units, to provide oral health advice, particularly in the poorer areas of the country.

The service to provide outreach dental care for homeless and vulnerable people in the UK had to be suspended in March due to the pandemic and again during the current lockdown period, during these times the operation has virtually had to close down with just the odd member of staff to man the phones etc., As with most charities, Dentaid fundraising has been badly hit by the pandemic, and funds are urgently needed to be able to continue their work, it is appreciated that this is also a difficult time for Lions Clubs, but I would ask that perhaps you can consider Dentaid when making your charity donations.

We generally have three meetings at Dentaid a year. If you would like to serve on the District 105SC Dentaid Liaison Committee, particularly somebody to act as equipment collection coordinator, to liaise with Lions Clubs throughout the Country, Please make yourself known to me, I can be contacted on T: 01983 855546 M: 07864 165537 Email: rogannhuntley@btinternet.com