



# DDWA Health Circle

## Dental Care for People with Disability

Developmental Disability WA is hosting regular opportunities for members to talk about the health issues that affect them and the people they support. Hear the latest information from people directly involved in dental services in WA.



ADVOCACY



POLICY



COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY *wa*

Oral health is an important part of overall health and wellbeing but dental services can be hard to access. DDWA is gathering evidence of the difficulties people face in regard to dental care and identifying what services are available. This Health Circle will be both information gathering for DDWA **and** to provide up to date information to members from a panel of leaders in the field.

### PROGRAM:

- What our members are saying. Results of our Survey will be presented by Professor Marc Tennant and Maxine Drake.
- Group discussion to hear first hand from you about your experiences.
- Refreshment break to meet panel members.
- Panel discussion with local dental leaders.



MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016 6.30PM—8.30PM



## PANEL MEMBERS:

Dr Soniya Nanda Paul—Chief Dental Officer, WA Health

Professor Marc Tennant—Researcher and service designer

Dr Phillip Chantler—Head of Unit (Special Needs) Dental Health Services

Dr Doug Pritchard—GP and Researcher (Anaesthetics and People with intellectual disability)

Dr David Hallett—CEO of the Australian Dental Association WA

Dr Terry Pitsikas—Dentist (with practice focus on special needs patients)

**FACILITATOR**—Maxine Drake is an advocate with experience in Health, Disabilities, Guardianship, Mental Health services and helping people to negotiate with powerful service systems.

## WHAT IS THE DDWA HEALTH CIRCLE?

The DDWA Health Circle will be the key way for members to guide our work to support better health outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.

In addition, the Health Circle will help to influence decision making on disability and health by providing a way of connecting with the Disability Health Network. The **Disability Health Network** is a partnership between the WA Department of Health and the Disability Services Commission to influence policy and service delivery to improve health outcomes for people with a disability.

[www.healthnetworks.health.wa.gov.au/network/disability.cfm](http://www.healthnetworks.health.wa.gov.au/network/disability.cfm)

**COST**—Free. Refreshments provided

**VENUE**—Conference Room

City West Lotteries House

2 Delhi St, West Perth

**RSVP**—[www.ddc.org.au/events-february-2016/](http://www.ddc.org.au/events-february-2016/)

## GETTING THERE

**Train**—City West stop on Fremantle line

**Car**—Free street parking available in the evening

