

# New, Fully Mobile Dental Platform

The DHSS Salaried Primary Care Dental Service incorporates a Community Dental Service (CDS) which provides Dental Care for children, specific groups of adult patients including those with Learning Difficulties and phobic patients. The CDS has several clinics across the Island, and employs five dentists.

They have recently taken delivery of a new piece of equipment, which will make treating patients with disabilities much easier and safer for dental staff and patients alike.

Previously, patients in wheelchairs requiring dental treatment either had to be lifted into the dental chair, which puts the patient and the dental staff at risk, or be treated in their chair, which is not ideal as it means the dentist cannot get full access to the patient's mouth. The CDS has now taken delivery of a Diaco dental chair, which is a fully mobile dental platform designed specifically for wheelchair patients. The patient remains in their own wheelchair at all times, eliminating manual handling and hoisting, whilst enabling the optimal angle for dental care treatment for both patient and clinical team.

Senior Dentist in Special Care Dentistry, Beverley McClung, said, "We are delighted that we can now treat wheelchair patients more efficiently and effectively, reducing stress and risk to patients and staff".

The Diaco is the only such platform on the Isle of Man and will accept all mass manufactured electric and manual wheelchairs, allowing access for all types of disabilities.



l - r: Senior Dentist Beverley McClung and Dental Nurse Nikki Craig with Natasha Moore, 8, demonstrating the new Diaco System, and David Vandyke from Diaco