**BAOMS Mini-grant Report**

**“Birmingham OMFS Evening!”**

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Value of grant: £100 GBP

Location: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

Date & Time: 18th July 2019 from 18:00-20:30

Supporting Fellow: Mr Ian Sharp, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

An open evening to promote the specialty was organised at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. It was aimed at anyone who was interested in OMFS and was attended by 38 guests, some of which were first degree dental or medical students ranging to first degree medical Core Trainees and maxillofacial registrars from within the region. Some attendees had travelled from Manchester and also London to attend the evening. A number of Mr Sharp’s consultant colleagues attended to support the event at the QE Hospital.

The evening consisted of two talks, one by Mr Ian Sharp “Considering a career in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?” which entailed the following:

* Why consider oral and maxillofacial surgery?
* Explanation of the different sub-specialties of OMFS and the remit of the specialty
* The future of the specialty
* Question and Answer session
* Discussion regarding entry to training

Mr Stephen Dover was the second speaker of the evening and presented a talk on “An Introduction to Craniofacial Surgery” which was very well received. He discussed the history of craniofacial surgery in the UK and the growth of the sub-specialty since 1987 at Birmingham Children’s Hospital. The learning objectives of the presentation were as follows:

* Syndromic and Non-Syndromic Craniosynostosis
* Fronto-orbital advancement remodelling (FOAR)
* Total vault reconstruction
* Trigonocephaly
* Delayed surgery outcomes
* Indications for midface advancement

Between the presentations we had a 30 minute break which stimulated excellent networking opportunities for all who attended. During the break Domino’s pizza was provided with soft drinks which was very much appreciated by everyone. We also promoted our “JTG of BAOMS” facebook page to all to keep in touch with future events we may hold. Verbal feedback was very positive and the internationally renowned speakers were greatly appreciated.

I am personally very grateful to BAOMS for providing us with funding for this event. It was announced to all attendees that BAOMS was a sponsor for this event.