



Ed's letter

Greetings!

I am your stand-in Editor for the next seven issues while Kate Quinlan is on maternity leave, having given birth to her second child, a little girl. Kate is a difficult act to follow but I will do my best in her absence to keep *BDJ Team* packed with news and articles to help support you and your ECPD plans and give you a good read at the same time.



For the 25 years I have worked in the field, I have written for all the dental titles, the majority focused on the interests of dentists. The reason I am passionate about writing for the team is because while dentists run most of the businesses, departments and practices, they couldn't do their jobs without you.

It was with this in mind that I went round the Teeth exhibition at the Wellcome collection, my first job as temporary Editor of *BDJ Team*. I was struck by how little attention was paid by the curators to the role of Dental Care Professionals.

But I did catch sight of a Dental Nurse! Helen Davis, who was at the launch event was in a video about the work of the community dental service. Turn to page 35 to read Helen's thoughts on the exhibition.

The NHS turned 70 in July and this was rightly celebrated in many ways. In this issue of *BDJ Team* we have an article about both the history and the future of NHS dentistry. We are also highlighting the risk of sepsis in dentistry.

Hoping you find this issue an informative read.

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