

# Ed's letter

I am delighted to introduce a brand-new series of articles written for *BDJ Team* and launched in this issue. Jasmine Murphy, Fiona Andrews and Maria Morgan are writing five papers on *Embracing neurodiversity-informed dentistry*. Neurodiversity refers to 'the infinite variation of brain functioning within the population'. In part one of the series this March, the authors aim to raise awareness of neurodiversity and 'enable a more accessible and inclusive culture in dentistry, reducing the potential for inadvertent discrimination.' I am proud that the authors chose *BDJ Team* to reach the UK dental team – and perhaps further afield – perfectly timed as well, as we go to press during Neurodiversity Celebration Week, 13–19 March 2023.



Look out for further instalments in the series later this year, and related CPD questions. Do let me know what you think of our new content!

This issue also kicks off a new run of DCP research summaries written by third year students at the University of the Highlands and Islands. As ever, I am impressed by the originality of the many topics they chose to study for their dissertations, and the high quality of their work. Visit our DCP Collection for past examples: <https://www.nature.com/collections/dcpresearch>.

Four fabulous DCPs have signed up to our reader panel this year. Check out the news section and also an article by Aisha Mehmood, a DCP student at Manchester, about her journey to dentistry so far.

Meanwhile, in 'I have made myself a career and carved it out in my own way', Donna Bridger shares her passions for dental nursing, teaching and driving vintage cars.

Our CPD article this month is an original *BDJ* article providing an overview on looked after children for the dental team. If you're on Instagram, why not follow our new profile, @bdjteam2023.

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