

DROITWICH SPA PRACTICE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

A renowned Droitwich Spa dental practice is marking 40 years of offering 'Harley Street style' innovative dentistry.

The Roy Morris Dental Excellence practice in Droitwich Spa, northern Worcestershire, welcomes many loyal patients, many of whom travel long distances to benefit from the team's expertise. Several of the 12 strong team have been working at the practice for decades, often resolving clients' life altering conditions and also offering the full range of general dentistry.

One of the first Diplomates in implantology from The Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Roy has been providing implants for 28 years and using digital implant technology for 18 years. Roy has also been awarded Fellowship of the



College of General Dentistry, Fellowship of the International College of Dentists where he is currently Vice Regent for England, Scotland and Wales and Fellowship of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is a full member of the British Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry where he currently serves on the Executive Council and a member of the Scandinavian Academy

of Aesthetic Dentistry.

Dental Excellence founder Roy said: 'I find it almost unbelievable that we have been operating since 1983! I'd like to reassure our wonderfully loyal patients that I have no plans to retire and myself and the team will continue to use our skills and passion for dentistry to serve the local community and beyond.'

BSPD DEMANDS END TO UNETHICAL AGE-PROFILING DENTAL X-RAYS

The President of the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD), Professor Paula Waterhouse, has called for an end to the unethical practice of taking dental X-rays for asylum seekers in an attempt to verify age. BSPD is speaking out following the news in early January that the Home Office will be using teeth and bone X-rays to verify the age

of asylum seekers arriving in the UK.

BSPD has learnt that the Home Office's new legislation¹ that they have now approved for practice came into force on 10 January. The details outline the use of what the Home Office calls 'scientific methods' to be used to assess the age of asylum seekers to the UK using radiographs of molars, hands and

wrists, as well as MRI scans of thigh bones and collarbones. Failure to comply can incur penalties.

Professor Paula Waterhouse, BSPD President, said: 'Age profiling using dental X-rays has absolutely no evidence base whatsoever. This wholly inaccurate approach to assessing the age of

those seeking asylum in this country is morally wrong, because it means that vulnerable children will be exposed to unnecessary radiation without any clinical benefit.

'We have been through this debate on numerous occasions and believed that it had been shelved for good. Frustratingly, it appears this is not the case. The discussion around using X-rays for age profiling asylum seekers has been debated for nearly two decades. Our members will not be taking X-rays unless they are clinically justified.

'BSPD calls on the Government to stop this immoral and unethical practice once and for all.'

References

1. Immigration and Asylum. The Immigration (Age Assessments) Regulations 2024. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/19/made> (accessed January 2024).

