

HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

Technology award

Dental Confidence, a dental implant centre based in Southampton, has been announced as the winner of the 'Best Use of Technology' category in the 2013 South Coast Business Awards. Dental Confidence was the first practice to perform intraoral welding, an advanced technique that enables the immediate loading of a fixed prosthesis to be supported by an intraorally welded titanium framework.

New Dean for Leeds

Professor Helen Whelton will take up the post of Dean at Leeds Dental Institute on 1 October 2013. Professor Whelton is also the current President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) and was previously Dean of the Graduate School in the College of Medicine and Health at University College Cork.

National Teaching Fellowship

Professor Mark Woolford, the Director of Education at King's College London Dental Institute, has been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship for excellence in higher education teaching and support for learning. Professor Woolford has been awarded £10,000 which will be used to support his professional development in teaching and learning or aspects of pedagogy.

Honorary Fellowship

King's College London has awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the College to Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive of Henry Schein, Inc., the world's largest provider of healthcare products and services to office-based dental, medical and animal health practitioners.

EARLY INTERVENTION EMPHASISED ON CHILD PROTECTION WEBSITE

The educational website *Child protection and the dental team* has been relaunched following a full update and makeover. The programme is supported by COPDEND (the Committee of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors).

Jenny Harris, Consultant in Community Paediatric Dentistry in Sheffield, who has led the Department of Health-funded project since its inception, said: 'When this [resource] was first published we knew that dental teams had a bit of catching up to do, but it is admirable how our profession has risen to the challenge'.

An evaluation of the resource published in the *BDJ* (2011; 210: 75-79) showed a remarkably high proportion of dentists acknowledged its direct impact on improving their knowledge, confidence and readiness with respect to safeguarding children. Since then many dental practices have made further

improvements when preparing for CQC registration.

Updates to the new website include greater emphasis on early intervention rather than waiting for a crisis to develop. The impact of wider family issues on children also receives more attention. Guidance on dental neglect has been revised. Dental teams are prompted to find out about their own local arrangements for referring low level concerns.

A downloadable list highlighting the 2013 updates is provided for users who still prefer to use the 2009 handbook version of this educational resource.

www.cpdt.org.uk



CREWES RETURN FROM MERCY CRUISE

Forensic odontologist Simon Crewe and his wife, Liza, a chemotherapy nurse, have recently returned from Guinea, West Africa, after volunteering on board the world's largest charity hospital ship, the *Africa Mercy*.

The *Africa Mercy* offers free medical care and humanitarian aid to some of the world's poorest people. It is staffed by up 400 volunteers from 40

nations ranging from surgeons and nurses to cooks and engineers. The ship was stationed in Guinea for ten months and was due to arrive in the Republic of Congo on 9 August to start its next mission.

Dr and Mrs Crewe are frequent volunteers with Mercy Ships. Dr Crewe has been volunteering for ten years: 'I first heard that Mercy Ships was coming to Plymouth through my father, a maxillofacial surgeon. After I saw the ship and the work that they did I knew I wanted to volunteer [...] I have been volunteering as a dentist ever since.'

Dr Crewe also helps charities scout new locations for dental practices and helps coordinate dentist recruitment and equipment donations.

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GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE RESTRICTION ON HIV-POSITIVE DENTISTS

As this issue goes to press it has been announced that the Department of Health plans to remove the restriction on HIV-positive dentists practising in England from April 2014.

Under current regulations, being HIV-positive effectively brings a dentist's career to an end.

The revised policy, announced on 15 August 2013, brings England into line with other nations including Sweden, France, Canada and New Zealand. More to follow.

