

# FLASH INTERVIEWS

## with a DCP near you

### Debbie Chandler

Debbie is a 50-year-old lead dental nurse in special care dentistry in Dorchester. Debbie is married to Damian, an NHS administrator, and has three step-daughters: Hayley, Vicky and Zoe; and four grandchildren: Bethany, Noah, Jack and Layla.

*How long have you worked in dentistry?*  
Thirty-four years

*Why did you choose dentistry for your career?* From a careers talk on dental nursing at school.

*Do you have any special responsibilities within your workplace?* I split my time working in the clinical setting for routine clinics, sedation clinics and GA lists. I manage the nurses in the department and work alongside the department co-ordinator to ensure staffing levels are met and clinics, GA/sedation lists are put together and the domiciliary service is running correctly.

*What do you like best about your job?*  
The service we provide is very diverse and because of this no two days are the same.

*What's the most challenging part of your job?* Working within the team and liaising

with community support teams to ensure that dental care is delivered in a way that best meets the needs of the patients without delay: this can on occasion be very challenging.

*What are your outstanding ambitions?*  
I am always looking for new challenges.

*What do you like to do outside work?*  
Going to concerts with my husband and visiting fancy restaurants.

*Tell us a secret.* I LOVE Robbie Williams (although I don't think that is a secret with my colleagues!)

*What do you like about BDJ Team?* It gives me all the latest updates straight to my PC.

*What three things could you not live without (besides people)?* My convertible car, iPad and Robbie Williams.

### Andrena Forrester

Andrena Forrester is a 39-year-old dental nurse/receptionist at Johnstone and Hannah Dental Practice in Glasgow. Andrena lives in Scotstoun with husband Ross, an IT analyst, and children Lewis and Rebecca.

*How long have you worked in dentistry?*  
Twenty-three years

*Why did you choose dentistry for your career?* It seemed respectable and I wanted to feel like I was part of an important team.

*Do you have any special responsibilities within your dental practice?* I am responsible for making sure the GP17s are completed and sent and payment schedules checked in my receptionist role, and staining and glazing CEREC restorations in my dental nursing role - that and watering the bay trees in the garden!

*What do you like best about your job?* The satisfaction of seeing patients' delight when they have their new CEREC crowns/inlays/veneers fitted, knowing that I was part of their production.

*What is the most challenging part of your job?* Trying to fit everything in and make time for emergencies - most days we have two or three CERECs each taking up to two hours to prepare, design, glaze and fit so can often run late.

*What are your outstanding ambitions?* To be able to do my job until I retire - and the rate dentistry is progressing it seems unlikely I will still have the energy to keep up!

*What do you like to do outside work?* I like to go to a few exercise classes in between organising my children's busy schedules. I also enjoy DIY projects at home.

*Tell us a secret.* I used to get mistaken for Lorraine Kelly - a lot!

*What do you like about BDJ Team?* The free online CPD is informative and accessible for all, and I also enjoy the interviews with other DCPs.

*What three things could you not live without (besides people)?* Hand cream, my woolly hat (in all weather), and my iPhone (according to my daughter).

### Deborah Ryan

Deborah Ryan is a dental therapist in private practice and the community dental service in London. She is very happily married to Robert Ryan, a world-famous author (well quite a bit famous). They have three children called Bella, Gina and Gabz..



*How long have you worked in dentistry?*  
A long time, first as a dental nurse, then dental technician, then after three pregnant pauses, I retrained as a dental therapist.

*Why did you choose dentistry for your career?* Because folk need us, even when they don't realise they do!

*Do you have any special responsibilities within your dental practice?* Telling folk that they really need to see us regularly.

*What do you like best about your job?*  
When said folk listen and realise they have improved health and comfort.

*What is the most challenging part of your job?* Apart from the demands of CQC and the GDC? Saying the same thing over and over (but I don't mind if folk listen - see above).

*What are your outstanding ambitions?*  
To be a busy dental therapist IN PRACTICE (hello - any dentists out there?!)

*What do you like to do outside work?*  
Be on a horse.

*Tell us a secret.* I love lifting big chunks of calculus.

*What three things could you not live without (besides people)?* Chocolate (I know it's cariogenic), horses and warm boots in the winter.



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