

# Ed's letter

This issue of the *BDJ Team* holds a veritable smorgasbord of content. We kick off with Christine Macleavy's potted version of her training course refresher on gaining confidence in administering local anaesthesia. This is essential reading for dental hygienists and therapists and will earn all readers one hour of verifiable CPD.



The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry sent *BDJ Team* the special article in this issue about the best advice to give parents on infant feeding and weaning, to keep young children's teeth in tip-top condition. Also with child patients in mind, we present a taster of the Child Protection Company's training courses for dental teams, with a very helpful sample case study.

What duties can orthodontic therapists carry out, and are they satisfied with their roles in UK dentistry? Both of these questions are answered in this issue, with the first part in a new series of focuses on scope of practice, and a *BDJ* research article presenting the results of a workforce survey.

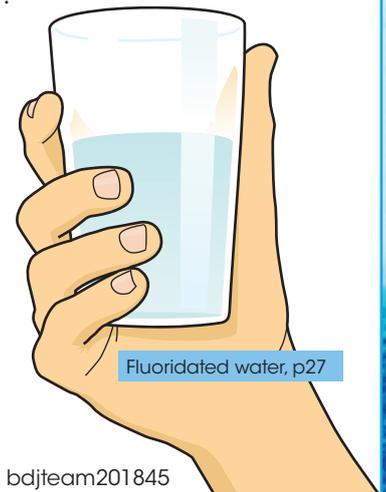
Perhaps becoming an orthodontic therapist is on your radar? We meet dental care professionals from all areas of dentistry here in *BDJ Team*. Amy Gardiner, 33, balances being a mother of three and wife of one with working as a treatment coordinator and implant/sedation lead dental nurse at a practice on the Worcestershire/Shropshire border. Amy thrives on the diversity in her working life and enabling patients 'to get the best possible quality of care and thorough education towards making the right decisions in their treatment'.

What do you enjoy most about your role in dentistry? Drop me a line or comment on the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bdjteam](http://www.facebook.com/bdjteam)).

Milder weather and lighter nights are finally here: happy spring!

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