

## OTHER JOURNALS IN BRIEF

A round-up of articles you may have missed across the *BDJ* portfolio.

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##### BDJ unwraps paper envelope

The *BDJ* has received a number of letters and queries in recent years regarding the polywrap that each issue was posted

in. The answer was always the same – the plastic wrapping could be recycled in appropriate points such as recycling bins for plastic supermarket bags.

Until now! Starting with volume 228 issue 6, the *BDJ* – along with *BDJ In Practice* and *Evidence-Based Dentistry* – will now be delivered in a sustainably-sourced paper envelope.

The full story is available at: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41415-020-1453-6>

##### How confidently do students address patients with psychiatric conditions in the dental clinic?

##### A service evaluation in a UK dental school

In their abstract, authors Elliott, Sharma, Omar and Hurst suggested there was little research exploring the ability of dental practitioners to confidently address patient mental health. Their paper explored self-reported confidence of dental students when addressing patient mental health in a university setting.

Read their results, conclusion and next steps at <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41415-020-1319-y>

##### Will any dental implant do?

Writing in his paper, Norton stated that dental implant treatment, while being a well-documented worldwide treatment, the vast majority of implants on the market have 'little of their own documentation'.

His opinion piece highlights concerns identified in the literature and exposes problems that are already occurring in reality.

To read the full piece, visit: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41415-020-1302-7>

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#### BDJ Team

##### Top 20 articles of 2019

In March's issue, editor Kate Quinlan took a look into the archives to find the top 10 most accessed articles on *BDJ Team* in 2019.

From disposing of dental and clinical waste through to tooth whitening and the dental care of cancer patients before, during and after treatment, there's a wealth of knowledge from some of the publication's most accessed articles.

To read the top 10, visit: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41407-020-0266-4>

##### Substance dependency and oral health

There are well-documented challenges facing those with a dependency on substance use, oral health being one of those.

Access and barriers to care are often towards the top of the list, and in a self-reflective log on a patient and public engagement project, Charlotte Bowes took a closer look at how dental professionals can manage this hard to reach cohort and get key oral health messages through.

Read what Bowes had to say at: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41407-020-0234-z>.



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#### BDJ In Practice



##### Equality in the dental profession

There has been a great amount of discussion about equality in the dental profession. Female dental practitioners outweigh their male counterparts, but does inequality and a lack of representation persist?

This was the much-discussed topic of Lala and Thompson's opinion piece. The authors made a call to the BDA to promote more equality in the interests of its membership so all are fairly represented, as a significant majority of the BDA's principal decision-making body – the Principal Executive Committee (PEC), is male (87% - 12 out of 15).

Read the full piece at: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41404-020-0308-9>

##### Patient complaints

The last five or six years has seen a rise in the number of Fitness to Practise cases heard by the General Dental Council. But how many of them could have been solved by dealing with a complaint better?

Patient expectations have increased significantly – and will continue to do so. The way in which the next generation of dentists deal with these expectations will have a huge say in how the relationship evolves. Is the way the profession deals with patient complaints changing, or is the way in which a patient makes a complaint changing?

You decide which it is at: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41404-020-0338-3>

##### How much should you be paid?

For some of you, the time for you to take your training wheels off is fast approaching. It's important for you to know your worth, whatever you decide to do with your career.

In 2006, the current NHS dental contract

was introduced in England and Wales. Many of you may not be aware how flawed this contract is.

To help you find out how much you should be paid, the BDA has created the UDA Value Checker, enabling members to look up an estimated UDA value for each contract in England, for every postcode district and for all NHS regions. It's hoped that by putting this information in the hands of members, you can use it to seek improvements to your working lives.

To find out the averages across England, and to use the checker, visit: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41404-020-0308-9>

#### Further information

To read the latest from *BDJ Open* and *Evidence Based Dentistry*, please visit [www.nature.com/bdjopen/](http://www.nature.com/bdjopen/) and [www.nature.com/ebd/](http://www.nature.com/ebd/)