

# Dates for your diary

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## BDA conference

The BDA conference and Dentistry Show is a free event for all members of the dental team. This year at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on May 17th and 18th.

For more information or to register visit: <https://www.thedentistryshow.co.uk>.



For more information: <http://www.dentalinnovation.co.uk/>.

## Hearts and Minds

In Birmingham in 2019, the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry's annual conference has the theme of Hearts and Minds.

More information can be found here: <https://bspdconference.org.uk/>.

## The Oral Health Conference for hygienists and therapists

The British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT)'s Oral Health Conference will be held at the ICC Wales in Newport, 22nd and 23rd November.

For more information: [www.bsodht.uk](http://www.bsodht.uk).



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## Shaping the Future of Dental Implantology

The ADI team congress in 2019 has the theme: Techniques - Technology - Teamwork and takes place from 2nd - 4th May EICC, Edinburgh.

For more information or to book, visit: [www.adi.org.uk/congress19](http://www.adi.org.uk/congress19).

## Dental Innovation Symposium

This symposium is a two day event supported by Henry Schein in London on the 7th and 8th June. Friday has a focus on Business, and the Saturday has a focus on Digital Dentistry.

## CORRECTION

Feature article *BDJ Team* 2018; 5: DOI: 10.1038/bdjteam.2018.71

### Becoming a fully rounded professional

When this article was initially published the below section of text should have been credited to Wikijobs:

*'Soft skills are sometimes referred to as transferable skills or professional skills. As this term implies, these are skills that are less specialised, less rooted in specific vocations, and more aligned with the general disposition and personality of a candidate. Examples of important soft skills are communication, teamwork and problem solving.*

*Soft skills relate to your attitudes and your intuitions. As soft skills are less referable to your qualifications and more personality-driven, it is important to consider what your soft skills are and how you might show evidence of them before you apply for a job. This is particularly true of the recruitment process for graduate programmes, where transferable skills and potential often take precedence over professional experience.*

*Being able to demonstrate your soft skills equates to demonstrating great potential to succeed and progress in the career of your choice.'*

The original text can be found at <https://www.wikijob.co.uk/content/interview-advice/competencies/soft-skills>.

The author apologises for this error.

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## LETTER

### Nurses deserve *more!*

Dear Editor,

I find it very unfair, the low wage that dental nurses are on. We are now expected to take on extra responsibilities as in line with the new acorn check ups, with absolutely no mention of pay increases! Where is the incentive to take on extra work?

I have been a nurse for 28 years, at least the past 12 years I have been on the same wage except for a 25p increase 5 years ago! 12 years ago £9 an hour wasn't bad money, now it's barely above minimum wage.

If improvements are to be made in oral health as intended, then dental nurses should be awarded a decent wage!

*C Evans*

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