



BADN ANNOUNCES COLLABORATION ON 80TH ANNIVERSARY

2020 is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN) – originally called the British Dental Nurses' and Assistants' Society, and later the Association of British Dental Surgery Assistants – the UK's professional association for dental nurses.

Closer Still Media (CSM) and BADN were therefore delighted to announce that the 2020 National Dental Nursing Conference will be held as part of the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show (BDCDS), at the NEC Birmingham on 15 and 16 May 2020.

BADN will once again chair the Dental Nurses' Forum at the Show, offering 11 different speakers over the two days (more than eight hours of CPD) on a wide range of subjects relevant to dental nursing. Entry to the Forum is open to all dental nurses.

In addition, BADN members will be able to relax in the BADN lounge, adjoining the BADN stand at L95, where coffee and cake will be available each day at 11 am. Entry to the Lounge will require proof of current BADN membership.

Jacqui Elsdon, BADN President-elect, said 'BADN welcomes the opportunity

to support, once again, the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show and, in particular, the Dental Nurse Forum in May 2020. We have an interesting programme and, as President during this momentous year, I am looking forward to chairing the Forum. In addition, BADN are preparing some additional celebratory opportunities for members at the event, and throughout 2020. The British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show underpins part of BADN's vision, which is to encourage dental nurses to progress their lifelong learning opportunities, and it will be a good opportunity to do just that. 2020 is a special year for BADN, so why not visit us on stand to discuss how we can make a positive difference for dental nurses during the next 80 years. I look forward to meeting you all next May.'

BADN will also be holding an Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the NEC Hilton on Saturday 16 May 2020. Full details will be available on the BADN website shortly.

To register your interest for the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show, or for more about the Dental Nurse Forum, go to <https://www.thedentistryshow.co.uk/>.

Sheena is UK's youngest qualified CDT

Twenty-seven-year-old Sheena Lakhanpal from Bupa Dental Care's Oswestry Dental Laboratory has become the nation's youngest qualified clinical dental technician (CDT).

After completing an intensive two-year course at the University of Central Lancashire, Sheena was one of a handful of students in her class to certify this year. Her success comes with only three-and-a-half-years' experience under her belt at the Oswestry Laboratory, after gaining a BSc (Hons) degree at Manchester Metropolitan University in 2014.

This most recent CDT achievement allows Sheena to provide a range of denture services direct to her patients and it also recognises her advanced technical and clinical skills, which are needed to carefully design and hand-craft all dentures to meet the individual requirements of each client.

Sheena said: 'The work of a CDT can make a real difference to someone's life, health and wellbeing. That's why I was so motivated to study part-time to take my career to the next level, in order to benefit my patients. There's no denying that it was a tough qualification to attain, and that's why I'm incredibly grateful for receiving such overwhelming support from the team at the Oswestry Lab – they backed me all the way'.

Nicholas Richards, Bupa Oswestry Dental Laboratory Manager, said: 'We're tremendously proud of Sheena's achievement of becoming the youngest CDT in the country. Prosthetic dental technology, which is one of the services offered at the lab in Oswestry, is where science meets art, and Sheena certainly has a flair for both. She's a real asset to the laboratory and I'm sure everyone will join me in congratulating her.'

