Introducing the new reader panel Part 2

This year *BDJ Team* recruited a new reader panel to contribute opinions, content suggestions and help promote *BDJ Team*. Each new member of the panel will also be writing an article on a topic of their choice. By **Kate Quinlan**.

Laura Marshall

Laura Marshall was interviewed for the January issue of *BDJ Team* (<https://go.nature.com/3bGdeva>). Laura is a 24-year-old dental hygienist and dental therapist from West Yorkshire who works for two dental practices, teaches student dental nurses and develops CPD courses.

Laura says: 'As a dental hygienist and therapist, I like the feeling of helping someone. I love the feeling that I'm increasing someone's confidence in themselves and their smile. It must be a terrible thing not to feel like you can smile if you're self-conscious of your teeth. I get to help people with that. The therapy side is great if you are creative and like to challenge yourself shaping and moulding fillings. It is a real skill. It is hard work but such a rewarding job. You have to love it to do it.'

This autumn Laura will be writing about the role of the dental therapist and the public's perception of them.

Justine Nicholls

Justine appeared in the article 'I continue to learn every day' published in February 2020. Justine is a dental hygienist in general practice. She completed the Guy's Certificate in Dental Surgery Assisting with Distinction and the Claudius Ash Gold Award in 1988, the National Certificate in 1988, and received the Diploma

in Dental Hygiene in 1992 from Guy's Hospital with the Hu Friedy scaling award.

Justine says: 'I am lucky to have combined my manual dexterity, love of people and outgoing nature in my career. Knowing my strengths in my choice of role has resulted in a long, happy, successful career.'

This summer Justine will be writing an article on the management of the peri implant site; preventing, identifying and managing peri implant disease for the DCP.

Jolene Pinder

Jolene Pinder is a dental hygienist who qualified in the Royal Navy in 2001.

After leaving the services Jolene has worked throughout the UK in both specialist and general practice. Jolene has been based in general dental practice in Prestwick for ten years and is Director of Dental Hygiene at Flossbar in Troon. Flossbar is a direct access dental hygiene practice.

Jolene has a special interest in behavioural change and has used her interest to inspire and educate fellow dental professionals. She has been a Swiss Dental Academy trainer since 2014 and teaches in the UK on Guided Biofilm Therapy.

She has had articles published in the dental press on tooth whitening, making hygiene treatment profitable and guided biofilm therapy (GBT). She is also a Body Control Pilates teacher who runs classes in a physiotherapy based practice. When she's not in clinic, teaching pilates or running courses Jolene is a keen walker and has been adventuring along with fellow DCPs in the DCP initiative Moveit4smiles.

In the autumn Jolene is going to write about being a dental hygienist in a direct access GBT practice.

Priya Sharma

Priya Sharma has a wide range of experience in practice management, medical writing, professional regulation and compliance. She has written many times for *BDJ Team* and we are pleased

to have her on the new reader panel!

In the February issue of BDJ Team Priya wrote the article Radiation regulations in your practice (one hour of CPD): <https://go.nature.com/3dLQ9Jd>.

Victoria Wilson

'I began my journey as a dental therapist at the Eastman Dental Hospital London in 2001, and have been totally dedicated to my profession since.'

Victoria has worked in practice in the UK in the NHS and private sector, and the UAE private sector.

Victoria is the Founder and former President of the Emirates Dental Hygienist Club. She held the position of Website Officer on Council for the British Association of Dental Therapists (BADT), has been a member of the House of Delegates for the International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH), and has sat on the Communication and Public Relations committee for the IFDH.

Victoria currently consults and is a key opinion leader for multiple industry leaders and has her own business, Smile Revolution that uses a range of communication channels in promoting oral health. Victoria works closely with Dentsply Sirona on the Smile Revolution Podcast. <http://www.smile-revolution.net/call-to-action/>.

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