

NEW CHARITY LEAD APPOINTED



The Society of British Dental Nurses (SBDN) are delighted to announce the appointment of Lisa Andrews as their new Charity Lead. Lisa is an Advisor to the Society and is passionate about volunteerism within

dentistry for those who need dental and oral care the most. She has often provided support in delivering care and supported clinicians as part of local shelter schemes.

Lisa is a senior dental nurse and is part of the Hertfordshire special care trust. She has a wide range of post-registration qualifications and has also undertaken initial teaching and training qualifications. Last year Lisa was one of the 2022 winners of the Robin Davies DCP Research Awards, her research is looking at 'Parental knowledge of oral health in children with attention hyperactivity deficit disorder'.

Lisa said: 'Like many, I worry about the lack of GPs to provide much-needed treatments. [Those accessing shelters] are trying to get their lives back on track and are often in terrible dental pain and I just want to help'.

Win a place on the BDA's OHE course!



The British Dental Association (BDA) is currently taking applications for the 2023 Ann Felton Scholarship. The successful applicant will be given a free place on the BDA's Oral Health Education course worth

£759. The application deadline is 16 June.

For more information and to find out how to apply for the scholarship, visit <https://cpd.bda.org/course/index.php?categoryid=11>.

For interviews with two past winners, visit:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41407-022-0891-1> (Louise Johnson)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41407-022-0888-9> (Sian Rolls, pictured).

PENRITH PRACTICE WINS DCBY1 AWARD



The winner of this year's NASDAL Dental Check by One Practice of the Year Award and the £1,000 prize is Ghyllmount Dental Practice, Penrith, Cumbria.

The award was presented at BDA Dental Showcase in March by Chief Dental Officer for England, Sara Hurley, and the President of the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD), Jenny Harris.

This award is presented by the National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers (NASDAL) to recognise the outstanding commitment of practices to the DCby1 campaign. The aim of the campaign is to increase the number of children who access dental care aged 0–2 years, by encouraging dental appointments for babies before their first birthday.

Dr John Lewis, Principal of Ghyllmount Dental Practice said, 'We are so, so honoured to win this award. I am particularly pleased as it recognises the massive contribution of our fantastic team here at Ghyllmount. Without them, we couldn't improve the oral health of local children in the way we have been. We look forward to building upon this success.'

Mrs Jenny Harris, President of

BSPD, commented, 'This award seeks to recognise and celebrate the successful implementation of the Dental Check by One initiative into practice. To that end, Ghyllmount Dental Practice impressed the judges by showing their support of DCby1 through engaging with their child patients from the very outset. They encourage new parents to register their children straight away and to start bringing them along from birth. Ghyllmount is a truly worthy winner of this award having embedded the concepts of Dental Check by One, not only at a practice level – but also within the local community.'

'We would also like to make reference to two other entries received that were excellent and worthy of note: Mill Hill Dental Practice in North West London and Outwood Dental Practice in Wakefield.'

'Overall, it has been fabulous to see how practices and individuals up and down the country have embraced the campaign, despite the post-pandemic challenges. Our message to parents and carers is "take your infant to the dentist", since we know that prevention is better, and cheaper to the pocket and the planet, than cure.'