

BSDHT ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF OHC POSTER COMPETITION

The British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT) has reported that the 2023 poster competition, sponsored by Colgate, was an unequivocal success.

Members of the profession were invited to submit an abstract in advance of the Oral Health Conference (OHC). The BSDHT was thrilled to receive a total of 12 entries, ten of which were forwarded to the final judging stage.

The BSDHT said: 'We are delighted to report that the quality of submissions surpassed our expectations, showcasing remarkable creativity, skill and passion for their subject matter. All posters were prominently displayed in the hall of the Oral Health Conference Bournemouth for public viewing and attracted a steady stream of conference delegates interested in the high-quality content.'

'The diversity of ideas and artistic interpretations made the judging process both challenging and inspiring. It was

evident that each participant invested considerable effort and thought into their submissions, which also made the final selection process incredibly rewarding. The judging of the posters, held on the last day of the conference, attracted a wide audience.

'The impact and success of this poster competition underscores the importance of continuing to support and promote initiatives that encourage creativity and professional involvement. It is evident that the participation and engagement generated by this competition within our community is welcomed. It served as a platform to showcase the exceptional talent in our profession.'

The judges were Dr Marina Harris, Mrs Simone Ruzario and Mrs Emma Bingham. The winners were as follows:

Vaida Kaunaite

Poster: 'Beyond bouncing back: Exploring undergraduate dental profession students' perceptions of resilience.'



Laura McClune

Poster: 'A mixed method study to establish the current level, nature and attitude to the provision of treatment under direct access for dental hygienists and dental therapists who are members of the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy.'

Clare Haylett

Poster: 'What intervention delivery methods are the most advantageous at improving the oral health of prisoners and the efficacy of prison dental services?'

Details of the winners were included in the January 2024 issue of the BSDHT's journal *Dental Health*.

New chapter for UK's oldest dental practice

A dental practice widely acknowledged by historians and dentistry experts as being the oldest in the UK is celebrating a new chapter in its long and proud history.

White Friars House Dental Practice in Chester, which has been serving the local community for over 165 years, is set to maintain its tradition of exceptional patient care following a change of ownership and a major refurbishment.

The practice, located at 14 White Friars in the city, has been acquired by the Love The Dentist Group. The new owners have invested significantly into refreshing key areas, such as the practice's reception area and treatment rooms, to ensure it can build on its impressive legacy.

The renovations have focused on preserving the historic, largely Georgian character of the building and on complementing this with the very latest, state-of-the-art treatment technology and facilities to benefit patients.

Before adopting its current name in 1956, White Friars House was known as Messrs Bullin reflecting the name of its founder – Frederick Bullin. Originally from Bath, Bullin established the practice in 1856.

A true pioneer, Bullin was one of the first dental professionals to obtain a formal qualification – gaining the newly launched Licence in Dental Surgery (LDS) from the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) in 1861. His patients included four-time prime minister William Gladstone as well as the Duke of Westminster at the time.

Bullin also served as the Honorary Dental Surgeon and Honorary Consulting Dental Surgeon to the Chester Royal Infirmary until his death in 1904.

To celebrate White Friars House joining the Love The Dentist Group, as well as the revamped interior and facilities it now offers, the practice was officially opened on Monday 27 November by former England footballer and TV personality, Jill Scott MBE (pictured with dentist Dr Francis Martinez).



Dr Greg Paysden BDS, owner and clinical director of the Love The Dentist Group, said: 'Everyone at the Love The Dentist Group is delighted to welcome White Friars into the wider business. Owning this practice equates to owning an important part of dentistry history. We are the caretakers of an important legacy and we have every intention of doing the practice's past custodians proud.'