

## DENTAL CLINIC TO ADD UP TO 2,000 PATIENTS FOLLOWING EXPANSION

Family-run Scottish Dental Care has announced plans to add up to 2,000 patients in one of its recently acquired clinics as it completes work on building a third surgery room at Barrhead Dental Clinic in Barrhead, East Renfrewshire.

It will take Barrhead Dental Clinic's patient capacity to around 5,000 as the expansion is set to take on an additional 1,500–2,000 NHS and private patients.

The new surgery means the practice will be looking to recruit a new dentist and a dental hygienist.

Co-Founder and Director of M&A at Scottish Dental Care, Christopher Friel, said: 'This will help attract more patients seeking NHS and private dental care in the area, while also providing new opportunities for professionals looking for a role at a thriving practice.'

'It is our responsibility as a dental group to ensure all of our clinics are to a high operating standard to meet the needs of our patients and staff.'

'We hope the expansion of Barrhead Dental Clinic is an example of our commitment to the local area, and to developing dentistry in Scotland.'

Construction at the clinic was due to be completed in March. ✦



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BADN Presidential Column by Joan Hatchard RDN  
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March has been a busy month! Following my trip to Lancashire to visit the BADN offices and the North of England Dental Show in Manchester, at the end of the month it was round the M25 to ExCeL for the BDIA Dental Showcase.

The next event on the show circuit is the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show at the NEC on 17–18 May – BADN will be at stand K01, next to the Dental Nurse Lounge, and just along from the Dental Nurse Forum, which I will be chairing on behalf of BADN.

We have some great BADN badged speakers:

- How women are shaping the future of dentistry – Hannah Grieves RDN (mydentist)
- An introduction to dental nursing for dental implants – Natalie Marucci RDN (BADN Panel of Reps)
- Conflict resolution in dental practices – Rebecca Silver RDN (BADN Panel of Reps/Dental Nurse Guru) and Lisa Bainham (ADAM Chairperson)
- Bright Bites: the role of volunteering in improving children's oral health – Kelly James RDN (BADN Panel of Reps)
- What is neurodiversity and what is my role as a dental nurse? – Sarah Haslam RDN and Joyce Rebelo RDN (both BADN Education Committee and EDI Working Group)

- Understanding career progression pathways for dental nurses – Dr Debbie Reed RDN (Associate Professor in Faculty Development, KCL and former BADN Chair)
- The crucial partnership: fostering trust between dental colleagues for optimal patient care – Rebecca Silver RDN (BADN Panel of Reps/Dental Nurse Guru)
- The future of oral health: the role of oral health practitioners in enhancing holistic patient wellness – Darja Taravski (GDP)
- GDC Update – Kristen Bottrell (Policy Manager, GDC)
- Practical methods to deal with stress – Karin Barnes and Aktar Chowdhury (Certified Silva Method Instructors).

I am so pleased to see so many dental nurses actually speaking – long gone are the days when dental nurses sat patiently in the audience, being lectured to by others! Now dental nurses themselves are sharing their knowledge, skills and experiences with other members of their profession.

Stress is of course very prevalent in dentistry, and I will be very interested in the 'Practical Methods to deal with stress' lectures. Our Chief Exec, Pam Swain, is a graduate of the Silva Method and meditates daily – she has even been known to guide our Exec through a relaxation exercise after a particularly gruelling meeting!

So I look forward to seeing you all at the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show this May! ✦

