

BADN all set for BDCDS at Birmingham NEC

The British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN) will be at stand K01 at the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show (BDCDS) at the NEC in Birmingham on 17 and 18 May 2024 – next door to the Dental Nurse Lounge, and just along from the Dental Nurse Forum, which will as usual be chaired by BADN.

Dental nurses who join their professional association at the Show (or renew their membership) will be entered into a draw for a £50 Virgin Experience voucher on each day of the Show, and one £50 Amazon voucher over the two days. New members also receive a £5 discount on the membership fee – and a further £5 credit if they are referred by a current member [Referring member's name and membership number required – referring member will also receive £5 credit].

Dental nurses who can't visit Stand K01 in person can still benefit from the discount

– just put in code PROMO5 when joining online!

BADN badged speakers at BDCDS will include:

- 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).

For more information, visit <https://birmingham.dentistryshow.co.uk/> or see the Show Guide once you arrive at the event.

PATHWAY FOR ADULTS AT RISK OF HARM ADDED TO BDA'S WAS NOT BROUGHT TOOLKIT

The British Dental Association's (BDA's) 'Was Not Brought' (WNB) toolkit has been further extended to help dental teams safeguard adults at risk of harm (AAR) if they miss dental appointments.

Following trial periods in several clinical settings, the purple pathway (WNB-AAR) is now available to download.

This new pathway extends the scope of the BDA's existing safeguarding pathways and joins the green, pink and blue pathways for children and young people who miss appointments. The purple pathway follows the familiar style of the existing pathways to promote a patient centred approach to the safeguarding of adults at risk of harm and encourages early intervention and communication with relevant professionals.

The BDA has worked with James Bird, NIHR In-Practice Fellow and Senior Dental Officer and Jenny Harris, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry to update the Implementation Guide. The downloadable flowchart is accompanied by template letters and template notes to make implementation of the pathway straightforward.

The original innovative green children's and young people pathway (WNB-CYP) was developed and evaluated in the community

dental service in Sheffield by Jen Kirby and Jenny Harris, Consultants in Paediatric Dentistry at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. They later added pathways for children looked after or who are the subject of a child protection plan (pink) and for orthodontic patients (blue).

These pathways, along with an accompanying implementation guide, template letters and notes provide an easy-to-follow way of responding consistently when children and adults at risk are not brought to appointments. This helps promote timely reappointment as well as giving clarity on when to consider sharing information with other health and social care professionals.

James Bird said, 'The WNB purple pathway provides a useful prompt in reminding all

dental professionals that liaising with other health and social care professionals can be beneficial, and could be crucial, in protecting vulnerable members of our local communities.'

Jo Adlington, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry, Sheffield Community & Special Care Dentistry, said, 'These letters have been in use for adults from vulnerable groups in Sheffield for some time now and they have proved useful in encouraging carers, particularly in residential and nursing homes, to engage with us regarding attendance. They also provide clear evidence, if required, to support our colleagues in adult safeguarding in protecting adults at risk of harm.'

Giten Dabhi, Chair of the BDA's England Community Dental Services Committee, said, 'Many vulnerable adults are unable to come to dental appointments without support.

'We are putting a vital framework in place to provide the right support and safeguarding where the term "did not attend" is frankly inappropriate. For both children and adults, we've set out to ensure a safety net is in place, so no patients fall through the cracks.'

All resources can be downloaded from: <https://www.bda.org/advice/patient-care-and-safety/safeguarding-was-not-brought/>.

