

BDJ publishes Recruitment and Retention Crisis collection



The BDJ Portfolio has published a new online collection bringing together content which highlights, discusses and tackles the recruitment and retention crisis in



NHS dentistry.

Recruitment and retention in NHS dentistry is becoming an ever-increasing area of concern in the UK. With pre-existing problems which were only exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the NHS is now facing a mass exodus of dental professionals who are either switching to private dentistry or leaving the profession entirely through early retirement or a change in career.

The collection includes the research article 'Recruitment and retention in dentistry in the UK: a scoping review to explore the challenges across the UK, with a particular interest in rural and coastal areas', published in January, and an opinion article about the recruitment crisis from the same authors published in April. It also features two of Shaun Sellars' popular ethics columns, 'Lynn' and 'R&R'.

The collection is produced with support from BDJ Jobs and links to their pages and careers advice.

If you would like to share your experiences or views as a jobseeker, practice owner, recruiter, someone who is in the process of changing careers or workplaces in dentistry, or if you have another content idea to suggest in relation to the recruitment and retention crisis in dentistry, please email News Editor Kate Quinlan, k.quinlan@nature.com.

To access the collection, use the QR code included with this story or visit <https://www.nature.com/collections/recruitment>.

Professor Barry Quinn receives special award for Liverpool recognition

Professor Barry F. A. Quinn, University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry has recently been recognised by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool for bringing recognition to the city through successfully bidding to host conferences both national and international in Liverpool this year. Professor Quinn is pictured receiving his certificate from Jane Fawley, programme manager for Club Liverpool, the city's ambassador programme.



Researchers create film exploring offenders' oral health



A team of researchers at Queen Mary University of London and the University of Dundee have created a short film exploring the oral health experiences of ex-offenders and their experiences of accessing healthcare on release.

The eight-minute film was inspired by hearing the stories of those who had a lived experience of the criminal justice system and their struggles in accessing dental care, and it features professional actors Ric Renton and Megan Samuels who were hired through Synergy Theatre Project.

The film is produced by Nurull Islam from Mile End Community and directed by Dr Joelle Booth, an Academic Clinical Fellow at Queen Mary's Institute of Dentistry.

Dr Booth was awarded the BASCD-

Borrow Foundation Early Career Research award for the project and hopes that it will stimulate conversation, change perceptions and inform oral health research priorities for this group. The film is now available to view on YouTube; visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_UupJJxbaA or scan the QR code.

