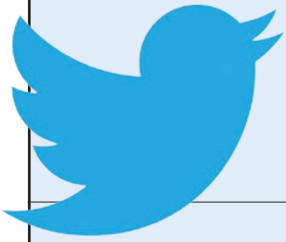


A REAL TWEET



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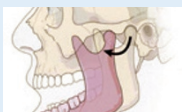
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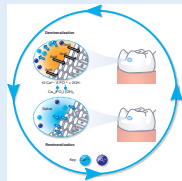
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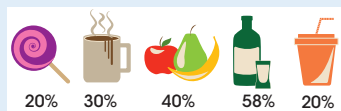
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DENTISTS RELIEVED AT END TO IMPASSE ON JUNIOR CONTRACT

The British Dental Association (BDA) has responded to news that government appears to have relented in its bid to impose a new contract on hospital dentists and medics.

News comes as the British Medical Association (BMA) was set for its first day of industrial action. The BDA has just completed its own ballot on industrial action, with one hundred percent of voters backing moves to join medics on their second planned day of industrial action set for Tuesday 8 December 2015.

The dentists are now joining medics in suspending plans for industrial action until further notice.

Mick Armstrong, Chair of the British Dental Association, said: 'Dentists have never taken industrial action before. Our members were never seeking to be pioneers, they just want what's best for their patients and for practitioners, so we are pleased to see that 11th hour negotiations are finally making headway.'

'The results of our own ballot were unambiguous. However, we have always believed that genuine dialogue could achieve more than industrial action, and we are satisfied to suspend all planned action indefinitely.'

'Government has helped break the deadlock by withdrawing its threat to impose a flawed contract. Like our medical colleagues, dentists never wanted to see this dispute get so far. Now that the single biggest obstacle has been removed we are cautiously optimistic that real progress is possible.'

DENPLAN WELCOMES OSBORNE'S REPORT ON EMPOWERING DENTAL PATIENTS TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICES

Denplan has welcomed George Osborne's call for clearer dental pricing and treatment plans in HM Treasury's 'A better deal' report, which was published earlier this month.

The report stated that pricing for dentistry can be opaque and confusing and that the government wants to ensure that dentist treatment plans and price lists are clear and easily accessible, empowering patients in England to make the best choices.

Roger Matthews, Chief Dental Officer at Denplan, said: 'Clear communication between dentists and patients is fundamental in every dental practice, especially in regards to treatment plans and pricing. We strongly agree with the Chancellor's statement in the report that all dental patients should have access to the information they need to make the right decisions about their dental care.'

'Denplan encourages all member dental practices to build in enough discussion time with their patients to allow them to explain treatment options and any associated costs. Denplan is also a co-ordinator and signatory of the BDA Private Dental Plans Code of Practice. The code emphasises the need to provide patients with adequate information about the choices available, work with clear and fair contracts, ensure they understand the payment procedures for each option and, where appropriate, any on-going costs or exclusions, and have in place a system for dealing with complaints and feedback.'