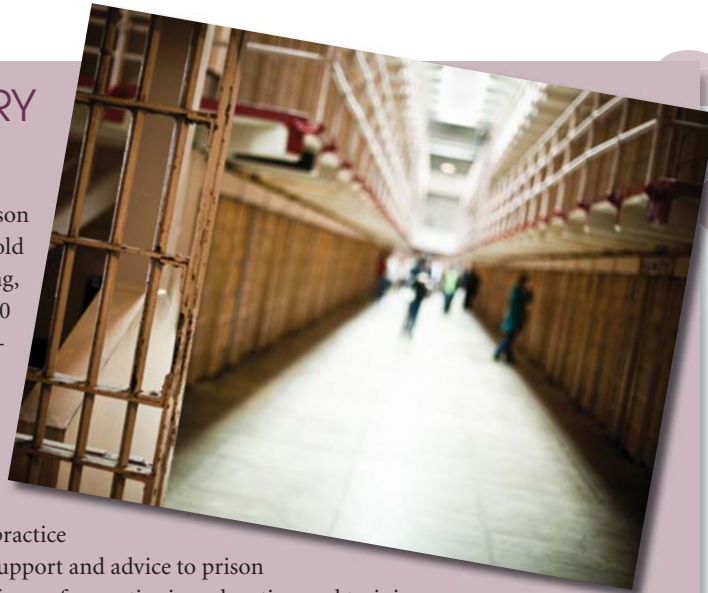


PRISON DENTISTRY SPOTLIGHT

The National Association of Prison Dentistry UK (NAPDUK) is to hold its next conference in the spring, taking place on 5 February 2010 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Glasshouses.

The aim and objectives of the association, whose President is Dr Liana Zoitopoulos, include to encourage and promote excellence in prison dental practice through providing information, support and advice to prison dental professionals, providing a forum for continuing education and training, bringing professionals together to share best practice and influencing policy relating to prison oral and general health at the local and national level. For further information visit www.napduk.org.



INDUCTION PACK FOR NEW DENTAL NURSES

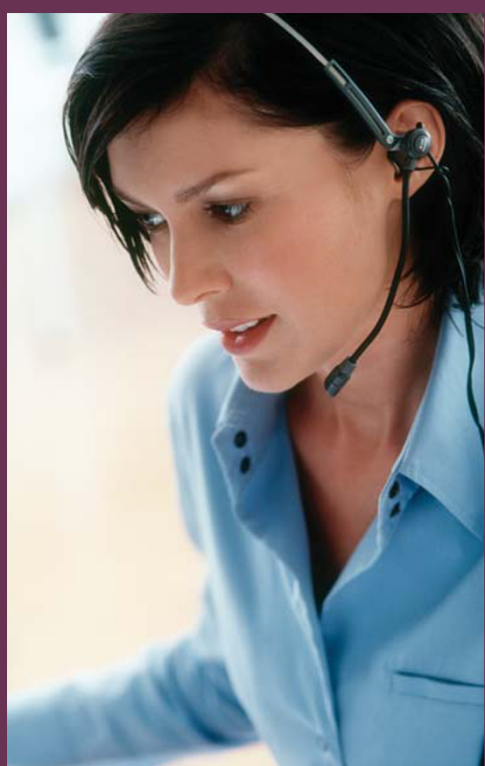
Barnfield College Luton has won a special Knowledge Transfer award for a new dental nursing project. The project involved developing a standardised induction pack for new dental nurses.

The pack, which includes a special learner guide, provides guidance for the new employee and the dental practice and prepares the dental nurse for undertaking a GDC-recognised qualification leading to registration.

The award from the New Engineering Foundation was presented to Angie McBain, Barnfield's Lead Dental Nurse Tutor, by Paul Froggat of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills at a special ceremony in London.

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NHS DIRECT CALLS FOR DENTAL NURSES

A new career opportunity has opened up for qualified dental nurses at NHS Direct as it expands its team to answer the growing number of dental enquiries the service receives. Dental nurse advisors now work as part of NHS Direct's front-line team, speaking directly to patients and providing dental information and advice from one of NHS Direct's 35 contact centres across England. For more information and to apply for dental nurse vacancies at NHS Direct visit the website at www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/dental.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNISED

The Chief Orthodontic Technician at the Royal London Hospital, Kieran McLaughlin MSc, has been conferred the Orthodontic Technician Award for Distinguished Service for 2009 by the British Orthodontic Society.

He is an invited lecturer on obstructive sleep apnoea and functional appliances and has presented his work nationally and internationally. He has lectured for the Orthodontic Technicians Association and the British Dental Association and has presented his research at the International Association of Dental Research conferences in Singapore and San Francisco.

Kieran has also taught all aspects of orthodontic appliance design and construction to undergraduate and postgraduate dental students as well as student dental technicians at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry for more than 20 years, and has almost 30 years of experience in orthodontic technology.

This year the BOS Distinguished Service Award for an Orthodontic Dental



Nurse was presented to Denise Douglass. An experienced orthodontic nurse, Denise began her working life in the Community Dental Service before becoming the first dental nurse to be employed at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle, where she is currently the Senior Dental Nurse. She extends her role by mentoring and training other dental nurses. Denise was the one of the founding members of the Orthodontic National Group for Dental Nurses (ONG) and was its first Membership secretary and later its first Finance Officer.