Vital's Editor, Kate Maynard, introduces the first members of our new reader panel.

In a brand new feature for Vital, we have decided to set up our own reader panel of dental care professionals (DCPs) who would like to get more involved with Vital by commenting and giving feedback on selected articles. Thanks to Vital's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/vitalmagazine) and to announcements on Twitter (@Editorkate2), the proactive DCPs you see below have already signed up. You will also see some of their views at the end of various articles in this issue and in future issues of Vital.

Gemma Langford

Age: 29

Town: Southport

Place of work: 10 Dental

Job title: Lead Dental Hygienist

In dentistry: six years as a hygienist,

four years as a dental nurse

Loves: reading, cycling

Hates: cooked carrots

Asma Chaudhri

Age: 24

Town: Ashford

Place of work: Dental

Support Services

Job title: Trainee/Tutor/Assessor in

Dental Nursing

In dentistry: four and a half years

Loves: reading, crafting, outdoors,

road trips

Hates: spiders, heights, bike riding

Diane Cox

Age: 36

Town: Kingsbridge

Place of work: Absolute Dental, Kingsbridge

Job title: RDN and Patient

Care Coordinator **In dentistry:** ten years

Loves: my dogs Bones and Badger,

and living in Devon

Hates: rude people and flying

Felicity Cleaver

Age: 28

Town: Sutton

Place of work: Love Your

Smile Surbiton

Job title: Practice Development

Manaaer

In dentistry: nine years

Loves: smiling

Hates: bad customer service

Shaun Howe

Age: 42

Town: Alfreton

Place of work: Westdale Dental, Nottingham

Job title: Dental Hygienist

In dentistry: 21 years

Loves: doughnuts

Hates: 'facilitating'

Christine Horbury

Age: 31

Town: Leeds

Place of work: Leeds

Job title: Clinical Skills Educator

In dentistry: 11 years

Loves: spending time with friends

Hates: hate is a strong word - I'd rather say I have a displeasure to rudeness

Tom Wardiell

Age: 24

Town: Plymouth

Place of work: Spa Dental

Job title: Dental Hygienist and

Dental Therapist

In dentistry: two years

Loves: Mixed Martial Arts and the sea

Hates: an incomplete treatment plan,

bad breath

Vanessa Radway

Age: 37

Town: Liverpool

Place of work: City Dental

Liverpool

Job title: Dental Nurse

In dentistry: 21 years

Loves: shopping

Hates: spiders



If you would like to be on the reader panel yourself, just drop me an email on vitaleditorial@nature.com or write to Vital reader panel, BDJ Editorial, 4-6 Crinan Street, London, N1 9XW. OR if you have an opinion or feedback on anything you have seen in Vital or on something related to your job or dentistry in general, why not send a letter for the Vmail page? You could

win a prize!



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