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Ed's letter

Do you love reading *Vital* and taking part in our verifiable CPD scheme? If the answer is yes, then you will be pleased to hear that in 2014 publication of our high quality articles and features is set to continue. However, *Vital* is changing. This winter 2013 issue of *Vital* is the last one that will be printed and posted in traditional magazine style. In 2014 *Vital* will be getting a twenty-first century makeover and a new name: *BDJ Team*.

Make sure that you turn to pages 14-15 to read more about *BDJ Team* and to complete the pull-out postcard, fill it in then send it back to us through freepost. If you and your colleagues miss out on *BDJ Team* you will also miss out on a sensational CPD offer!

If your postcard has already been taken or you've lost it - drop me an email as we will be launching an online version of the sign-up form that anyone can access.

Of course, as always this winter issue of *Vital* is also packed with informative articles and topics to *unwrap* over the festive season. A CQC expert has written an update on infection prevention and control just for *Vital* readers - essential core CPD for DCPs - and there are advice pieces on employment law and the pitter patter of tiny feet in the practice (and I don't mean child patients).

Like our cover star Samantha Farrell, here at *Vital* we are determined to succeed in bringing the DCPs of Britain everything that you want to read.

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