

Honours, awards, appointments



Barry Quinn

Liverpool chair

Professor Barry Quinn (pictured) has accepted a chair in the University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry, as Professor in Restorative Dentistry and Dental Education. Previously, Professor Quinn worked at King's College in London.

New President

The new President of the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) is Professor Sondos Albadri, Professor and Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry in Liverpool. Her inauguration was due to take place on 5 October, at BSPD's annual conference.

Grant recipient

Fatemeh Vida Zohoori, Professor in Oral Public Health and Nutrition at Teeside University, Middlesbrough, and co-applicants, have been awarded funding of €138,113 towards their study 'Improving the oral health of older adults using milk supplemented with fluoride and probiotics: an interventional feasibility study and pilot RCT' by the Eklund Foundation for Odontological Research and Education.

College Ambassadors

The College of General Dentistry has announced the appointments of Dr Ian Mills, Marie Parker and Dr Pouya Zohrabpour as ambassadors.

Dental trauma prize winners

First prize for the 2021 Dental Trauma UK Richard Welbury Case Report Prize has been awarded to Nabeel Ilyas, ST1 Paediatric Dentistry, King's College NHS Trust (awarded £300); second prize to Alice Duke, CT3 Restorative Dentistry, Glasgow Dental Hospital (awarded £200); and third prize to Nicola Gallacher, ST1 Paediatric Dentistry, Birmingham Dental Hospital (awarded £100). The award is given by charity Dental Trauma UK to the best report of the management and treatment of a trauma case.

New round of grant applications

Applications opened for a Foundation Nakao Grant on 21 September 2021 and dental academics and clinicians are invited to apply. Foundation Nakao supports clinical trials and research in important topics such as minimal intervention dentistry and oral health of the elderly. Applications will be accepted until 24 November 2021. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.foundation-nakao.com/applications>.

New recall guide for dental teams welcomed by BSPD

The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) has welcomed new recall guidance¹ designed to ensure the most vulnerable children and young people (CYP) get access to dental care as swiftly as possible. Published in September, the guidance supplements existing NICE recall guidance² which recommends CYP are seen at least annually.

A new implementation tool supports the guidance. Red, amber and green colour-coding provide dental teams with a clear direction on the CYP who should be prioritised for recall. In future, all dental practices should ensure the youngest and most vulnerable children are prioritised for care.

News of the updated guidance was issued in a joint bulletin from the Office of the Chief Dental Officer (OCDO) for England, Sara Hurley and Simon Kenny, National Clinical Director for Children and Young People, a collaboration underscoring the importance of the initiative.

The BSPD's Dental Check by One campaign, launched in 2017, was driven by the recognition that an early appointment with a dentist was an opportunity for the family to get preventive advice. With 100,000 more children seeing a dentist in 2018/19, DCby1 was starting to take effect. This positive change was halted by the pandemic.

BSPD spokesperson Claire Stevens said: 'We are glad to see publication of this guidance which should improve oral health among the most vulnerable and vitally, help reduce inequalities.'

Professor Stevens said that children aged between two and five would be unlikely to manage multiple extractions in a dental chair and usually needed a general anaesthetic.

'Consultants and specialists in paediatric dentistry hope very much that the impact of the recall guidance will be to reduce the number of very young children being referred to us for a general anaesthetic.'

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BDA AGM

The BDA Eastern Counties Branch AGM will be held online via Zoom on Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 19:30.

All BDA members are welcome. For further information and to book, please visit www.bda.org/bse.



Notice of death

We regret to announce the death of John Craig, a former President of the British Dental Association (BDA), on 21 September 2021.