

BDA launches campaign against NI cuts

A new [consultation](#) from DHSSPS sets out the Northern Ireland Executive's proposals to cut the budget to health service dentistry through the GDS. The cuts would take very significant sums away from dental services and have direct and indirect impacts on dentists and their patients. In response the BDA has launched [a campaign](#) against the cuts. The public consultation runs until 3 April 2013. The BDA is urging dentists and patients to respond, setting out their points and concerns. The BDA will also be responding to the consultation in full. In support of the campaign the Chair of the BDA's Northern Ireland Dental Practice Committee, Peter Crooks, was interviewed on BBC Radio Ulster earlier this week. [Listen here](#) (at 1:06:46).

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Teeth whitening patient information poster

Members were sent an A2-sized poster "7 things you didn't know about teeth whitening" in last Saturday's edition of *BDA News*. The poster reminds patients it is illegal for anyone other than a dentist or DCP to whiten teeth. We are running a photo competition on [Facebook](#) so please encourage your contacts to take part. The member with the winning entry will receive a three-day ticket to the [British Dental Conference & Exhibition](#). Please contact Julia Marshall for more details: Julia.marshall@bda.org

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Christmas lecture now online

A complimentary recording of the Christmas lecture 'Regenerative dentistry and stem cells: current thoughts and research', delivered by Alastair Sloan, Head of Tissue Engineering and Reparative Dentistry at Cardiff University, is now available for members to [view online](#).

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DFT applicants reminded to check email accounts

The BDA has this week reminded final year dental students who applied for dental foundation training places starting in August 2013 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to check their email accounts to see whether they have been allocated a place. Candidates received notifications from Wednesday onwards, and had a 48 hour deadline to accept the offer made to them.

There were more candidates than available places, and some applicants may not receive a place in this first round of allocations. Although further places will become available, it is not certain that all applicants will be allocated a place. The BDA continues to call on the Department of Health to ensure all UK graduates who wish to do DFT have the opportunity to do so.

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Seventh week of bookings for London 2013

Registration for the 2013 British Dental Conference and Exhibition has now been open for seven weeks and to date there are 1,006 people registered to attend. Further information is available on [the conference website](#).

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Training essentials update

The Training *essentials* course, 'The essentials of staff management: a two-day intensive course' took place on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 January at BDA, London, attracting 36 delegates. This interactive course, delivered by Alison Miles-Jenkins, Managing Director of Training to Achieve, provided new managers with the skills needed for effective people management and refreshed the skills of existing managers through practical work, scenario role play and one-to-one tutor feedback.

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New Training essentials booklet distributed

The latest edition of the [Training essentials booklet](#) was distributed last weekend with January's *BDA News*. It introduced two new topics to take place in the coming months: 'The CQC inspection', a workshop led by the BDA's Richard Harris and supported by Peter Hodgkinson, Dental Adviser to the CQC, and 'Tax and financial planning', which features renowned financial speaker Alan Suggett, along with Daniel James from BDA Plus partner Lloyd and Whyte.

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