Ten thousand NHS places announced for Wales

By DTI

CARDIFF, UK: Up to 30,000 new NHS dental posts are planned to be created in Wales, the national government announced on Tuesday. As part of the investment, over £675 million will be given to the Cardiff and Vale University and Aneurin Bevan University health boards, it also said.

Overall, the Welsh government has pledged to spend an additional £1.3 billion in this regard. In a press release, Health Secretary Vaughan Gething said that the effort is aimed at developing new and improved NHS dental services across Wales, particularly in places with higher needs and neglected areas, such as specialist paediatric dental services.

“The investment in specialist paediatric dentistry will help improve NHS dental treatment and care for those children who are affected by dental disease,” he said.

In addition to increased spending, the government said it plans to introduce a clinically led dental e-referral management system and fund courses and training for people who intend to work as dental care professionals.

According to national statistics, Wales falls significantly short of dentists per capita among all of the home nations. While it welcomed the investment, the British Dental Association said it is insufficient, as millions are taken away from dentistry each year owing to tough contract targets.

“This money represents just a quarter of what’s been taken out of the system each year. Creative accounting does not constitute new investment. The best thing the Welsh Government could do is commit to ensure all money set aside for dentistry is actually spent on improving the oral health of children and adults in Wales,” said Katrina Clarke, Chair of the BDA Wales General Dental Practice Committee.
Britain’s Silver Generation

Collaboration meets creativity

British Society of Paediatric Dentistry invites to 2017 conference in Manchester

MANCHESTER UK: Collaboration between clinicians, healthcare of-
ficials and researchers will be the theme of this year’s annual confer-
ence of the British Society of Pae-
diatric Dentistry in Manchester, the organiser has said. At the
event, a number of renowned
speakers from all over the country
will present scientific develop-
ments resulting from trials or
inter-hospital collaborations they
are involved in.

Treatment of children with
complex needs for which collabo-
ration is essential will be particu-
larly in focus of the conference.

Innovative and crea-
tive concepts in caries
prevention and manage-
ment will be provided by
Dr Sondos Albadri and
Yang See Chau from the
Northern Alliance col-
laboration as well as Prof.
Marie Therese Hosey from King’s College in
London. Drs Michelle
Collard from Cardiff and Joanna
May from Manchester will further
provide an paediatric perspec-
tive on why collaboration is essential
in management of children with
cliff disorders.

Other highlights include a ses-
on with the Chief Dental Officers
from Scotland, Wales and England,
Margie Taylor, Colette Bridgman
and Sara Hurley, who will look at
oral health initiatives across the
home nations.

The three-day conference,
which will be held at the Lowry
Arts Centre in Salford Keys in
Manchester, takes place from
19–22 September.

“It’s the first time in 20 years
that the BSPD conference has
come back to Manchester and,
as an organising committee, we plan
to showcase both a great city and
some very exciting creative collab-
orations,” said BSPD president
Claire Stevens. “What we hope is
that all our delegates will experi-
ence the buzz of being in Man-
chester and hearing first class
speakers but at the same time,
they leave feeling refreshed and
relaxed by the well-being activities
that we have lined up.”

More information about the
event is available online at www.
bspdconference.org. For the first
time, delegates will have access to
a new mobile application, which
provides easy-to-find information
about the conference and the pro-
grame. Health and well-being
activities for delegates will also be
offered during the three congress
days.
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**GDC announces warning after suspension over fake dental products**

**BY DTI**

LONDON, UK: The General Dental Council (GDC) has strongly advised dental professionals in the UK not to buy products from sources that are not compliant with existing standards and regulations. The warning comes after a dentist from North West England was suspended recently for repeatedly having bought counterfeit dental handpieces online.

According to the UK regulator, the 32-year-old purchased risky equipment on an internet auction website at least three times. It was seized earlier this year during inspections by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) at his practice in Preston in Lancashire. After his hearing in July, he will not be able to practise dentistry for three months, the GDC said.

"This case shows the importance of dentists and dental care professionals adhering to the standards around compliant dental equipment," Jonathan Green, GDC Director of Fitness to Practise, commented. "Non-compliant equipment endangers the health of both the patient and those using it and it is vital that all items meet safety requirements."

"As set out in our Standards for Dental Professionals, all members of the dental team must understand and follow the law and regulations in this important area, which go to the heart of patient protection. They must always put patients' interests first," he added.

According to MHRA, which regulates all medical devices in the UK, over 10,000 individual pieces of non-compliant or counterfeit dental equipment are seized in dental practices per year. To counter the worrying trend, the agency has been running an awareness campaign in partnership with the British Dental Industry Association since 2014.

"Dental patients are entitled to expect quality care, including the standard of the instruments and devices used by dental professionals. It is vital that dentists and dental staff buy equipment from bona fide suppliers and avoid non-compliant or counterfeit devices. I urge all dental professionals to be cautious of seemingly cheap devices which may be unfit for purpose and potentially dangerous to patients and the staff that use them," Head of Enforcement at MHRA, Alastair Jeffrey, said.

**Dental students charged with terrorist offences**

**BY DTI**

LONDON, UK: Local newspapers are reporting that a dental student from Plymouth will have to stand trial for terrorist offences in London this month. The individual, Abu- rahman Kaabar, originally of Uppermoor in Sheffield, is accused of three offences of possessing records of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism and four offences of disseminating terrorism publications.

It is understood that the 22-year-old is a UK citizen of Libyan descent and is studying dentistry at Plymouth University. He was arrested in August by South Yorkshire Police after an investigation by the North East Counter Terrorism Unit (NECTU). Kaabar has been remanded in custody and will appear before the Old Bailey in September. He pleaded not guilty to the charges, according to court documents.

It is unknown whether the arrest is connected to the arrest in June of another dental student from Sheffield, who was charged for the early attack planning of a terrorist attack and will stand trial in November. The 24-year-old, who is originally from Huddersfield in West Yorkshire, was arrested in his flat after the NECTU was tipped off about suspicious behaviour. He is accused of having engaged in the preparation of and having possessed material that could be useful in preparing an act of terrorism.

The arrests are the latest in a number of counterterrorism activities after the devastating terror attacks of recent months. However, they are not related to any recent incidents, like the Manchester Arena bombing or the Westminster Bridge attack in London, NECTU officials said. According to the Home Office, police in the UK arrested a record number of terrorist suspects last year and an estimated 5,000 persons are still under observation by authorities nationwide.

South Yorkshire Police Assistant Chief Constable David Hartley said, "If you have any concerns around any suspicious activity, I would encourage you to please call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline on 0800 799 0112."

**Nurse from practice with largest recall suspended for life**

**BY DTI**

LONDON, UK: A dental nurse working for a Nottingham dentist responsible for the largest recall of patients in NHS history has been suspended from practice indefinitely. The decision came after a hearing by the General Dental Council (GDC) in August after her initial suspension in 2016.

The nurse was accused of having put patients at risk by failing to ensure that an adequate standard of cross-infection control was maintained at the practice in which she worked in 2014. According to the GDC, she has not engaged with the regulatory body to remedy her failings and does not wish to practise as a dental nurse again.

"I feel I have let myself down as a dental nurse and as my patients, although I would never intentionally do anything to put their health at risk. We were a very busy practice and I often felt it was almost impossible to meet CQC [Care Quality Commission] standards at all times due to the amount of patients coming through the door," she stated in a letter sent to the GDC.

The nurse’s former employer was removed for reasons of misconduct owing to 55 allegations of failure to maintain basic standards of infection control or prescribe antibiotics without a thorough assessment of patients’ needs. As a result, more than 22,000 patients were offered a recall for blood tests owing to the risk of exposure to infection in 2014.

The dentist’s actions were revealed by a whistle-blower, who recorded some of the failings on video. The filmings showed that he did not change his gloves or surgical mask and wiped his hands on his trousers instead of washing them, among other gravely hazardous practices.