Scottish waiting lists

Patients are calling on the Scottish government to look again at its oral health care provision after it was revealed that the total number of patients on the waiting list in Scotland has reached a standstill and is not decreasing. Despite waiting figures dropping from 82,166 last year to 79,375 this year in many rural areas waiting list numbers have grown. NHS Grampian revealed that the number of patients on its waiting lists has grown from 30,936 to 42,752 patients on the waiting list in 2010. NHS Grampian provision after it was revealed patients ‘unwavering’ and said: “People who are most in need of care will be hit hardest by fines from their own dentists.”

Chief dental officer awarded CBE

New Year’s Honours List sees both CDO and former GDC president named

The chief dental officer for England and the GDC’s former president were both awarded CBEs in the New Year Honour List. CDO Barry Cockcroft received a CBE for his contribution to dentistry and public health in Britain.

Prior to joining the Department of Health, Dr Cockcroft, chief dental officer since June 2006, worked as a NHS general practitioner for 27 years.

He commissioned Prof Steele to carry out the Steele Report, an independent review of NHS dentistry, following the House of Commons Select Committee review of the new contract.

Dr Cockcroft is currently working on behalf of the government to carry out the recommendations of the report.

FormerPresidentoftheGeneralDentalCouncil’s(GDC)

New service launched to help ease access problems in rural communities

Dentistry goes mobile

DAP review

Dental Tribune looks at the progress made since the launch of the Dental Access Programme

Case report

Dr Kendel Garretson illustrates principles of diagnosis and treatment

The ‘other side’

Simon Thackeray on working a company stand at BDJTA

### EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

We have all been shocked by the emergency situation in the Republic of Haiti after the earthquake which has claimed thousands of lives and left the survivors in turmoil. Dental Tribune is appealing to all readers who wish to help by donating much needed funds to help the relief effort to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and/ or natural or man-made disasters. What makes this the more poignant is that the team at MSF responding to this disaster is still trying to account for colleagues who were already working in Haiti, and who may have not survived.

To help, go to www.msf.org.uk/supportus.aspx and click on the link to donate to the Haiti relief fund. Thanks in advance for your support.