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News in brief

Good Practice
A dental surgery in Burton in Staffordshire was given the Good Practice Award by the British Dental Association (BDA). Dentist Yogi Savania, who owns Alexandra Dental Care with George Savva, attended a presentation evening in London with practice manager Michelle Cadd to accept the award from the BDA’s president Gordon Watkins. Mr Savania said: ‘We have always tried to provide excellent dental care and it is rewarding to be acknowledged as such by our British Dental Association.’

The award recognises practices that are committed to working to the high quality standards set by the BDA.

Teeth worries
Nearly half of patients believe they could have been offered a better service by their dentist, according to a recent survey. The national survey carried out by RevalHealth, a company specialising in health searches using the engine, also found that three quarters of the population would like to change something about themselves. Consumers are most worried about their teeth with 45 per cent wanting some kind of work, closely followed by a third wanting to change something about their body and 17 per cent who want to change their face or correct their eyesight through laser eye surgery.

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