Susan Bruckel has taken over from retiring chairman Elena Graham on the BADN Council from March 2008. Sue qualified as a dental nurse in 1972 and since then has worked for the community services. In 2001, she qualified as a special care dental nurse and in 2005 passed the National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. Most recently, Sue gained a City and Guilds Licentiateship Award in Dental Nursing and also became a Justice of the Peace.

New regional coordinators
The BADN Council also includes three new regional coordinators, for the North East, East Midlands and South Central regions. Melanie Joyce began dental nursing in a mixed NHS and private practice in Leeds city centre and obtained the NVQ5 in 2008. She currently works in a mixed practice also in Leeds. Melanie has also completed the ILM Certificate in First Line Management Level 5 and the Certificate in Dental Radiography, as well as the 7503 teaching qualification. She is currently completing the 7504 qualification.

Vicky Norton began dental nursing in 1996 in an NHS general dental practice. She moved to Leicester in 1999 and worked again in general practice. She is currently working as a clinical manager in a predominantly private practice in Leicester, which provides implants, sedation, orthodontics and cosmetic and general dentistry. Vicky obtained the NVQ5 in 2005 and the Sedation qualification in 2007, and plans to take the Radiography qualification next year.

Leanne Covey began dental nursing in general practice in 1986, qualifying in 1990 before moving to maxillo-facial hospitals. Leanne is a qualified Operating Department Practitioner, Assessor and Internal Verifier. She also holds a Certificate in Education, the General Anaesthetic Dental Nursing award and is currently studying for a BA Hons in Education and Training.

A new chairman
Two BADN national groups: the Armed Forces National Group and the National Education Group, also have new chairmen. Amanda Watson is currently employed as a dental practice management tutor in the Defence Dental Services Training School in Aldershot. She began her dental nursing career in 1990 at a dental practice in Ormskirk, gaining the National Certificate in 1993 and joining the Royal Navy in 1994. Since joining, she has served in Portsmouth, Somerset, Scotland, Gibraltar and Aldershot. Amanda has been a member of the AFG since 2002 as the Royal Navy representative, Secretary and now Chairman.

Sam O’Neill is employed as a dental nurse tutor by Bury Primary Care Trust. She qualified as a dental nurse in 1996 by achieving the National Certificate in Dental Nursing. Since then, she has been awarded the NEBDN Certificates in Conscious Sedation, Dental Radiography and Oral Health Education, as well as the Diploma in Management and the 7407 Adult Teaching Certificate. Sam is currently studying towards the Certificate in Education and the A1 NVQ Assessor Award which she is due to complete in June 2007.

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