More than 400 dental professionals from across Yorkshire last month attended an event designed to show them just what they can achieve for their patients in an hour. The event, Quick Implants, was held at the Brooklands Hotel in Barnsley, after the overwhelming response meant that the original venue had to be changed. Hosted by Rockingham House Dental Practice, a private practice in an ex-mining village, the record-breaking turnout confirmed the interest generated by a practice in an ordinary location providing extraordinary dentistry.

The purpose of the evening was to demonstrate the ‘Teeth-in-an-Hour’ and ‘All-on-4’ concepts, based on computer guided implant placement. Attendees learned how it is often possible to place implants with flapless surgery and immediate restoration. The high degree of patient comfort in the post-operative period, because of the keyhole approach, was stressed as a major benefit of the technique. Dr Sharif Khan, who chaired the session, explained how the use of NobelGuide allowed implant treatment with virtually no disruption to busy working and social lives.

Several patients attended and spoke to delegates about their experiences. Their treatment ranged from a single tooth to full arch restoration using the All-on-4 technique with NobelGuide computer-based planning. All of them felt that the treatment was very simple and easy. One patient remarked, ‘Having the implant and crown was as quick and simple as having a filling’.

John Wibberley, of Waters Edge Ceramics and Optident Labline, explained the technical procedures that occur in the laboratory. He explained how the ability to plan the case accurately from both prosthetic and surgical viewpoints gave the optimum results in terms of both function and aesthetics. He said, ‘I’m really pleased that so many technicians chose to attend. NobelGuide allows technicians to liaise directly with dentists about optimum implant positioning from a restorative perspective and represents a major leap forward in prosthetically driven implant placement. The huge turnout proves that technicians are embracing these new developments and the improved communication between laboratory and clinic that they allow.’

Dr Sharif Khan, clinical director at Rockingham House Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry, said: ‘The overwhelming success of this event is proof of the profession’s interest in providing the latest treatments. This session underlined just how much implant dentistry has evolved in line with software developments. The turnout shows how committed dentists are to implementing the latest methods and techniques, to provide implants quickly and comfortably for their patients.’