New Exeter dental education facility

By DTI

EXETER, UK: Replacing an old dental training facility at Heavitree Hospital, the new Dental Education Facility was opened last week in Exeter. In addition to the training of Plymouth University students in the five-year dental and three-year dental therapy and hygiene undergraduate programmes, it will offer basic dental procedures, like filling, extraction and root canal therapy as well as other dental professionals to further their careers through education.

The opening was attended by Chief Dental Officer for England Dr Sara Hurley, who said that the facility is the spirit of best practice in care, learning and social enterprise. “Recognising a need to improve access, the Exeter Dental Education Facility offers not only a place for excellent patient care but an outstanding environment for the high quality of training of the next generation of dental professionals,” she said.

Exeter Member of Parliament Ben Bradshaw added: “It was great to see the students learning in such state of the art facilities and the local patients benefiting from their care. The dental school has been a valuable asset for Exeter in recent years and it is wonderful to see it in such a fantastic, brand new setting.”

The dental training facility in Exeter originally opened in 2008 and has provided NHS dental care for students by undergraduates and postgraduates of qualified dental professionals to more than 18,000 people across Devon and Cornwall, according to Peninsula figures. There are currently four dental education facilities run by the organisation in the South West, with the other three based in Plymouth and Truro.
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Society for Women in Dentistry launched

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LONDON, UK: It is estimated that by 2020 over half of dentists in the UK will be female. In order to address particular challenges related to the feminisation of the workforce, as well as to encourage and inspire women to achieve their full potential in the field now and in the future, the Society for Women in Dentistry was officially launched this month.

The introduction event in London saw presentations by outgoing Executive Dean of King’s College London Dental Institute Prof. Dianne Bekow, British Dental Association executive member Dr Alison Lockyer, and General Dental Council adviser and practice owner Dr Sana Movahed, each of them speaking about their own careers in dentistry and the current issues women in the field face.

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