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Good practice

Our first bit of good news is that we have achieved the British Dental Association's prestigious Good Practice status. By meeting the requirements of the scheme, we aim to provide the best care for our patients. The whole team have been working tremendously hard to achieve this important award and we would like to thank everyone for their input in making our practice such a success.

Keeping up-to-date

At Weston Orthodontic Centre we like to keep up-to-date with the latest in modern orthodontics so that we can offer our patients the best service possible. All staff and orthodontists enjoyed attending the British Orthodontic Conference in 2010 in Brighton and we will be attending this year's conference in Harrogate. These events provide us with a good opportunity for team building, training and networking and we always come away with good ideas.

Staff news

Our latest news is that one of our nurses **Claire Hixson** has passed her radiography qualification and another nurse **Jenni Carpenter** has passed her orthodontic nursing exam. Congratulations to them both. Good luck to **Yvonne** and **Allison** who have recently been accepted onto the radiography course.

We have been pleased to welcome **Lisa Hichens** back from maternity leave. Lisa had a baby boy and so is now the proud mum of two boys.

Congratulations to our nurse **Claire Butland** who had a baby girl just before Christmas.

Karen joined us on reception in April and is enjoying meeting lots of patients. Her friendly and helpful nature makes her ideal for this role.

One of our nurses **Claire Hixson** has recently joined a ladies rugby team. Several members of staff have been down to cheer her on.



Orthodontic therapist

Deb Crabtree successfully passed her exams and is now a qualified orthodontic therapist. Having a therapist has proved to be very successful and we have therefore decided to put another nurse through the training. **Anita**, one of our nurses has completed her initial training and is now seeing patients at the centre.



New nurses

We welcome on board three new nurses, **Lynne, Becky** and **Yvonne**. They all have their dental nursing qualifications and Becky also has her radiography qualification. They have all settled in well and are enjoying their new roles.

We have expanded our nursing team as our nurses are continuing

to extend their roles by taking x-rays and impressions and giving tooth cleaning and brace care advice.

By expanding our team we can be sure that our patients are well looked after when they visit us. We aim to make your visits as comfortable and relaxed as possible.

Specialist care

We are often asked what the difference is between an orthodontic specialist, and a dentist who carries out some orthodontic treatment.

In addition to completing a five-year university degree to become a fully qualified dentist an orthodontic specialist goes on to work in various branches of dentistry to gain a broad working knowledge and experience of its different fields. They then complete an approved three-year full-time university and hospital postgraduate orthodontic training programme, to become an orthodontic specialist.

Orthodontists are uniquely qualified in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of orthodontic problems.

All our orthodontists are registered specialists, which means you can be certain of getting a high quality treatment and excellent results.

Referrals

We are happy to take referrals directly from dentists or patients can self refer themselves. This can be done in a number of ways. By email, fax, telephone or in person.

Jay's treatment



Orthodontist **Jay Wilson** has taken the plunge and is undergoing a course of orthodontic treatment herself joining the growing number of adults that are benefiting from orthodontic treatment.

General stuff

It's never too late to get the smile you've always wanted. We offer a range of treatments which include aligners, invisible and ceramic braces and our fast track braces.

Please get in touch if you would like to find out about the treatments we offer and how we can help you.

Our waiting list for government funded NHS treatment for children that meet the qualifying criteria has reduced and is currently approximately 12 to 18 months which is great news.

Why not visit our website www.westonortho.co.uk for up to date information on our invisible braces and other care.

Or alternatively please call in for an informal, no obligation chat with one of our team.

