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## Orthodontic Conference in Manchester

We were pleased to attend the latest British Orthodontic Conference in Manchester. This is always a great opportunity to keep up-to-date with the latest news and developments in the world of orthodontics.

Congratulations to Deb, one of our therapists, who for the second year in a row, was awarded a prize! This time it was for a project on law and ethics.



## Confident smiles for adults

We are seeing an increase in interest amongst adult patients who are finding out that it's never too late to have the smile they've always wanted. Many of our adult patients enquire about invisible braces, which they have read about on the internet, or heard about from friends. We are able to offer a full range of modern, aesthetic appliances, including Invisalign clear aligners and Incognito lingual braces. Both of these can achieve impressive results.

**Please ask at reception or phone 01934 429052, if you would like more information.**

## Why choose a specialist?

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. Patients at Weston Orthodontic Centre are in excellent hands, you can be certain of getting high quality treatment and excellent results.

### **FREE** consultation

We are offering a great incentive for new patients. If you or anyone you know is considering orthodontic treatment, but hasn't quite made the decision yet, then please book a free initial consultation to find out how we can help.

## Quality care

We are pleased to have received positive feedback from a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission. The CQC is the independent regulator of health and care services in England. They assess the quality and safety of various working practices. We were found to be meeting all the essential standards that were examined during the inspection.

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## Photography

As we have had some staff changes over recent times we have arranged for a local photographer to come and take some new pictures of the team. We look forward to showing you these in our next newsletter.

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## Supporting local charities

The local charities that we have raised money for in the past include Children's Hospice South West and Weston Hospice Care. We are in the process of deciding on charity fundraising events for the next year, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

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## Maternity leave

We would like to congratulate Nurse Becky, on the birth of a beautiful boy called Fletcher. We look forward to her returning to work later in the year. Other good news is that we welcomed Jay back to work in January after her maternity leave.



## NHS treatment for children

When a child is referred to our care the first task is to assess whether they would benefit from orthodontic treatment, if they are ready to start treatment and if they are eligible for government funded NHS treatment.

Once they have been referred, we will see them as soon as possible (usually within 6 weeks) to carry out this assessment so that you and your child know your options.

We should make you aware that we do have a waiting list for the start of non-urgent NHS orthodontic treatment. Our Government NHS funding is set at 2004-2005 levels, since which time the population of Weston has grown significantly.

If your child is not eligible for NHS treatment or if you would prefer not to wait, then you may like to consider self funding treatment options. We'll be happy to discuss these with you.

## Update from our nurses

Our nurses are becoming increasingly multi-skilled. Yvonne and Lynne have both completed their impression taking course. All our nurses are now able to take impressions for patients.

It has been recognised that, due to the layout of the surgeries, the centre is a good place to hold training sessions. Our nurses and other locally based nurses have been attending training here without the need to travel.

The next session is on oral health, equipping the nurses with lots more advice for patients.

Karen has left to pursue a career in dental hygiene. We wish her all the best of luck with this.

We are very pleased to welcome Sue who has been a general dental nurse for many years. Sue has been involved in 2 charity trips to Africa which she absolutely loved and found very rewarding.