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For just £30 a year members are able to access over 50 hours of CPD which includes its excellent and popular annual programme of 'Bish, Bash, Bosh' webinars featuring high profile speakers such as Lloyd Searson, Nectaria Polycarpou, Ernest Taille, Shashi Mishra and Gita Auplish. In addition to the excellent coverage of dental trauma and its management, endodontics, implants and long-term restoration are all there too.

The Board of DTUK includes Vice-Chair Beth Burns, Adult Dental Trauma Lead at Glasgow Dental Hospital responsible for prevention and management initiatives in Scotland. Heading the development of countrywide regional representatives is

Tanika Gohil, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry at KCH while FTТА Orthodontic trainee Aliya Hasan is in charge of DTUK's social media presence. Behind the scenes are Roland Doven, Hilary Gay and Annette Kelleher undertaking the essential nuts and bolts of governance. Together they make up a formidable team providing first class teaching material for the whole dental profession.

As any practising dentist knows, the arrival of a distressed parent and tearful child with a fractured, displaced or avulsed tooth presents a twofold dilemma, how to manage the injury and how to manage the busy list of other patients. The DTUK website is invaluable as a reference in an

emergency but better to learn from it and rehearse scenarios beforehand!

What next for DTUK? Serpil has three objectives. First and foremost: to continue to provide the very best advice for managing dental trauma, to educate the general public about putting avulsed teeth back in place (not to be missed is the DTUK video of DIY re-implantation!) and to try and promote a policy of 'No mouthguard, no play' across all sports.

Waiting in the wings is DTUK's next campaign 'Selfie your Smile'. It's about people taking a picture of their smile to keep safe in case of future injury and by doing so help take the guesswork out of reconstruction. Watch this space! ✦

New low-emission, solar-powered charity dental unit to be unveiled in Northern Ireland



A new, solar-powered mobile dental unit launched by Dentaid The Dental Charity is the first of its kind.

Thanks to funding from Bupa Foundation, the lower-emission dental surgery on wheels will be used to provide care for people experiencing homelessness, poverty, harm and abuse.

The vehicle has been specially built to provide Dentaid with a smaller, lighter mobile unit with less environmental impact. Rather than using a generator, the dental equipment is powered by solar panels on the roof backed up by batteries that charge as the vehicle is driven.

As a result, the charity will be able to deliver care in rural communities, Central London and other city centres while generating a lower carbon footprint and being ULEZ and Clean Air Zone compliant. The vehicle will be more versatile and enable the charity to reach new locations as demand for its dental clinics continues to rise.

In addition to funding the specially adapted vehicle and light-weight equipment onboard, Bupa Foundation also provided funding for Dentaid to return to Northern Ireland and Central London. Clinics in Northern Ireland commenced on the week of 11 November when the dental unit visited

Simon Community services in Lisburn, Armagh, Coleraine and Belfast, with volunteers providing care for people who are rough sleeping or vulnerably housed. In London the vehicle will be used to deliver life-changing dental treatment for people supported by Single Homeless Project in January and March next year.

The new surgery is the tenth in Dentaid's fleet and is the most cost-effective, versatile and environmentally friendly dental unit on the road. Dental professionals onboard will perform extractions, fillings, scale and polish, x-rays and oral cancer screening, in addition to giving dental health advice.

Kirsten Hewitt, Director of Homelessness Services for Simon Community said: 'Our partnership with Dentaid is incredibly valuable, as it enables us to provide vital oral care and treatment for clients across our services in Northern Ireland. Oral health is a fundamental part of our overall well-being, yet it's often inaccessible for those experiencing homelessness. Through working with Dentaid, we are bridging this gap and offering critical care that not only improves physical health but also restores confidence and dignity. The ability to smile without pain or discomfort can be life-changing, and we are immensely grateful for Dentaid's commitment to providing these vital services.' ✦