

**VT by Assessment process speeds up for dental trainees**

Non-UK qualified dentists will now be able to speed up their training thanks to changes in the way NESC’s VT by Assessment training system is administered.

The scheme, open to dentists from outside the EU, will see a forecasted 275 dentists complete their vocational training (VT) this academic year, compared to 100 last year.

NESC is the development body for the National Dental Education Council (NESC) and the Dental Defence Union’s vocational training committee. NESC is also responsible for commissioning broad-scale research, and for the development of approaches to training and assessment programmes.

The changes will mean that overseas dentists who have already been assessed as competent in the UK and who meet the required standards of English language proficiency can complete their training in just one year.

Newcomers to dental school

Mike Cooper, Training Programme Director for the Oxford First-year Foundation Dental Scheme, has won the NHS Employers Foundation Team of the Year Award.

Mike gives a great presentation at the awards ceremony which is the end point of an extremely rigorous nomination andshortening process and the recognition is very well deserved.

NESC Dental School trainees have won this award three times and we have been very fortunate at running this scheme.

Mike has been working for us for three years as the first dental course and the success is very well deserved. It is a great honour to win this award.

Dentists, DCPs and others involved in NHS dental education have been given a unique insight into Professor Steele’s Vision’s recent move into VT by Assessment.

He stressed that dentists will have to be more involved in quality improvement.

**Dental Vocational Teacher of the Year for a better service for patients and provide greater openness about the review, its conclusion and others involved in NHS**

It’s all smiles all round as NESC received full accreditation from the National Examination Board for Dentists (NESC) for the Oxford Dental Nurse Blended Learning Scheme training programme.

**South celebates Foundation Training successes**

The second year of Dental Foundation Training (FDT) is now complete with 30 dentists progressing to the third year of their General Dental Council registration to become a dentists. There were a total of 556 second-year FDT trainees across the UK and Ireland, of which 357 were from the UK, 188 from the Republic of Ireland, and 8 from the rest of the world.

New Trainee Programme Director Helen Spencer is working with Potential Nurse Bursars on the programme, which will build on the aims of the Foundation Programme.

Helen said: “We are fortunate to work with a number of very experienced and skilled tutors who are dedicated to helping our trainees. The programme is designed to be a positive experience, and we are proud of the progress our trainees have made.

**Further reading**

The report that only a few of the people involved in the programme are being documented right now.

For details of the VT by Assessment scheme contact Mike Falcon on 01865 870440

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New addition to GDC Council

Helen Falcon has been appointed as one of the new members of the newly re-organised Council. She will be representing the members of the General Dental Council (GDC). The role of the Council is to ensure the highest standards are maintained and that the public are well protected.

British Orthodontic Society Win

Specialist Training with the Oxford Deanery

Catherine recently completed her Post Graduate Course and has started on the Oral Health Education course. She wrote the winning paper, "Do i look forward to developing new extended duties courses for dental nurses and CPD courses for local dental professionals?"

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Training: Registered Dental Nurse. Trained as a teacher with the University of Manchester.持证毕业文凭资格2001年在英国卫生服务的护士委员会。

Training: Dental Hygienist National Certificate 1979, Dental Hygienist Radiography Certificate 2005. As a registered dental nurse, Vicky is a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, 2009. She is a member of the British Dental Nurses Association and the Central Dental Nurses Association.

Training: VT scheme for dentists and requires a part-time commitment of three days a week. Education and training programmes are provided for trainees and are paid for by the training authority.