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Personal Statement

I am a motivated, enthusiastic and self driven individual who has a passion for delivering high quality dentistry combined with a commitment to life long learning. I am an active member of the British Society of Dental Hygienist and Therapists, Association of Dental Implantology, British Dental Health Foundation, past member of the British Society of Periodontology, and I attend conferences regularly. My commitment to life long learning has allowed me to form and run a study club for hygienists and therapists in the North of Scotland bringing national speakers to the highlands of Scotland to deliver current educational ideas and concepts. I have an active interest in treating adult periodontitis and peri-implantitis cases.

I returned to postgraduate education in 2010 to train as a dental therapist on a conversion course for dental hygienists at Edinburgh Dental Institute. This qualification has broadened and enhanced my knowledge and understanding of dentistry and has expanded my role within the dental team.

I graduated with a BSc honours degree in Dental Studies at UCLAN in 2014, which I studied on a part-time basis. This is a 'top up' year course for dental therapists and hygienists, consisting of 2 modules and a dissertation. I am very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to present my dissertation on peri-implantitis at the International Oral Health Conference in Dubai in April 2014.

I am currently a full time lecturer on the BSc Oral Health Science course with the University of the Highlands & Islands in Scotland, where I am also currently studying for a MSc in Education.

In my employment at Fergus and Glover Dental Surgeons I led a team, of 5 hygienists and therapist, who were awarded the prestigious award of Best Preventive Practice UK at the 2012 Dental hygienist and therapist awards. This award was judged by senior members of the hygienist and therapy profession within the UK.

I am a consultant for Deppeler, a Swiss dental instrument company; a previous tutor for Aspiradent dental teaching company and lecture regularly within the UK and internationally to both undergraduate and post graduate hygienists, therapists and dentists.

My hobbies include scuba diving, snowboarding and yoga.

Experience

1989 - 1990

Dental Nurse, Donald and associates, High Street, Nairn

This was a training role as a dental nurse assisting a general dental practitioner.

1990 - 1995

Dental Hygienist Royal Army Dental Corps

This role involved initially training as a dental nurse then further training in dental hygiene.

1996 - 1998

Implant and Treatment Co-ordinator

Dr Paul Tipton, St Anns Dental Clinic, Manchester

This position included training in dental implants, assisting the surgeon during placement of implants and uncovering of dental implants. I was also involved in delivery of staff training for dentists who attended training courses at the clinic.

1998 - 2000

Self employed dental hygienist

Various private dental practices in England covering locum positions, including working in corporate headquarters of Linklaters law firm and Marks and Spencers.

2000 - 2000 (January - July)

Dental hygienist, Bridgend Dental Clinic, Thurso

This was a role of dental hygienist in a family private practice.

2000 - 2004

Dental hygienist, Bridges Dental Clinic, Wick

This was a clinical dental hygienist role within a multi-disciplinary private dental team.

During this role I also was involved in delivering dental health education lectures to a local government office to help their occupational health department receive bronze and gold awards in a 'health at work' initiative, designed to bring awareness in the work place of healthy living.

2004 - 2007

Dental hygienist and clinical manager, Northern Holistic, Thurso

Northern Holistic opened in 2004 and I was actively involved in the general management and running of this new clinic. I was involved in initiating and implementing protocols, training of the workforce, including mentoring of the nursing team and a clinical role as lead dental hygienist. The practice was involved in the BDA quality assurance programme 'Good practice scheme', and was awarded 'The Good practice' status in 2005. This was a fully private dental clinic.

During this appointment I was also actively involved in delivering a series of dental health education lectures for occupational health at Rolls Royce to their employees.

2008 – 2015

Senior dental hygienist-therapist and team leader, Fergus and Glover, Aberdeen

My role at Fergus and Glover Dental Surgeons involved leading the hygiene and therapy team within a multi disciplinary team and managing the hygiene department.

Fergus and Glover are a leading private dental practice within the UK, offering exceptional levels of both clinical care and customer service. In this role I was actively involved in the process of initiating protocols, based on current clinical research, and the implementation of them.

All hygienist appointments were 1 hour long appointments which allowed adequate time for fully comprehensive assessments of patients, specific behaviour change by means of recording of indices, education regarding the inflammatory process, modification of technique, introduction of new techniques and setting of specific, realistic goals for each patient to achieve. Systemic links with different illnesses were also covered as part of the initial assessment, as well as smoking cessation.

During my time at this clinic I also had extensive training from American business consultant Bobby Anthony, who integrated American clinical standards of dentistry within the practice.

All adult restorations were placed under rubber dam with magnification. Paediatric treatment was undertaken with care, while adopting an approach which was fun and also educational.

I thoroughly enjoyed holding this position, as it allowed me to work to my maximum potential and allowed me to achieve fantastic results clinically. During the 8 years I spent working full time with this clinic, only a handful of patients required to be referred into specialist care for their perio surgery, with the majority of these requiring treatment for defects. The majority of patients in my care were treated and stabilised successfully through non surgical periodontal therapy.

March 2015 – June 2016

Linale Dental Clinic, Marina Bay, Gibraltar

Dental hygienist position in a private dental practice.

August 2016 – present

Dental therapist lecturer on BSc Oral health science course, University of the Highland & Islands

Education

Diploma in Dental Hygiene (1992), Central Examination Board

Certificate in Hygienist Extended Duties (2003), Edinburgh Dental Institute

Certificate in Professional Development (with distinction 2005), Aberdeen College

HND Business Administration (2006), University of Highlands and Islands

Diploma in Dental Therapy (2011), Edinburgh Dental Institute

Certificate in Radiography (2011), British Dental Association

BSc (Hons) Dental Studies (2014), University of Central Lancashire

Skills

I have experience in managing a team of 5 hygienists and therapists in a large private cosmetic dental clinic, and experience in managing both a department and a small dental practice.

My duties included:

day to day management of the hygiene department
organizing staff and surgeries
ordering of stock
dealing with equipment
training and development of both nursing and hygiene staff
running monthly team meetings
setting and reviewing goals and targets for my team

Audits

I have previously been involved with staff appraisals and personal development plans

My clinical duties included:

Enhanced oral health assessments – Oral cancer screening, high blood pressure checks
Periodontal assessment and treatment
Restorative direct restorations
Prevention intervention
Impressions
Whitening treatments
Taking radiographs
Recementing Crowns
Removal of Cement
Placement of temporary dressings
Triage of emergency patients
Smoking Cessation
Lifestyle advice
Full range of paediatric dentistry including fissure sealants, fillings, pulpotomy, hall technique and extractions

Continual professional development:

Hygienist implant training, Eastman Dental Hospital 1996
Hygienist Implant training, Palm Beach Florida 1997
Hygienist Implant training, Orlando 1998
National Seminar for Private Dentistry 2002
Hygienist Update Course, Edinburgh Dental Institute 2003 (2 weeks full time)
BDHA Conference Harrogate 2006
World Aesthetic Conference 2008
BACD Conference 2009
ADI Conference attendance 2010

Master class in Periodontology, Eastman Dental Hospital 2011 (4 days)
Master class in Composite Restorations, Gregory Brambilla Glasgow 2012
ADI Peri-implantitis Conference, London 2012
British Society of Periodontology Conference, Manchester 2013
Oral health conference, Dubai 2014
Europerio, London 2015
ISDH, Switzerland 2016
Annual regular attendance at BSDHT Conferences
Regular attendance at various private dentistry courses and smaller conferences

My continuing professional development is current and up to date, in accordance with the guidelines set at the General Dental Council, London. I am currently registered with the General Dental Council, and I hold indemnity with Dental Protection Society, UK.

Hobbies

My interests outside of work include attending the gym regularly, teaching yoga, scuba diving and snowboarding.

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