

## **Finalists chosen for national dental competition**

Dental practices and their teams across the UK are gearing up to celebrate the best in the profession at the 11th annual Dental Awards.

This year the Dental Awards is a truly national event, with entrants from across the country including Lanarkshire, Sheffield, London, Northern Ireland and Cardiff. The event is organised to showcase the best that the UK dental profession has to offer, and in keeping with this aim, all the winners are announced at a glittering awards ceremony, including cocktail reception, celebrity compere, four-course meal and awards ceremony.

The winner's list was compiled in late February by the judging panel, consisting of members of the various dental professional associations and practitioners. Commenting on the finalists, chair of the judging panel Lisa Townshend said: "The entries for this year's event were of an amazingly high standard across all of our categories, so much so that in many of the categories it was difficult to choose a winner. It is gratifying to know that there are so many dental professionals in the UK consistently striving to provide the best in clinical care and patient service."

This year, due to the number of high quality entries in some of the categories, it has been decided to split them into Northern and Southern regions, with the winner of each region in contention to become the overall National Winner. This has been done for Dentist of the Year, Team of the Year and Practice Design & Interior.

The Dental Awards ceremony takes place Friday April 24, 2009, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London. For more information, please contact Celine Peacock 01689 899 170.

- The Dental Awards 2009 is organised by Purple Media Solutions Ltd (publishers of The Probe and Smile) and the British Dental Health Foundation. The event is sponsored by Denplan, The Dental Web, Dentsply, Sunstar and The Wrigley Company.
- Presenting the 2009 event is Gyles Brandreth. Gyles is a former Oxford Scholar, President of the Oxford Union and MP for the City of Chester. His career has ranged from being a Whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in John Major's government to starring in his own award-winning musical revue in London's West End. He is a prolific broadcaster (in

programmes ranging from *Just a Minute* to *Have I Got News for You*), an acclaimed interviewer (principally for the *Sunday Telegraph*), a novelist, children's author and biographer.

- The finalists in each category are as follows:

**01. Dental Laboratory of the Year**

Luke Barnett – Watford, Hertfordshire  
Dencraft – Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Casterbridge Dental Studio – Gillingham, Dorset  
Bucks Oral Design Studio Ltd – High Wycombe, Bucks

**02. Dental Team Support**

El-Nashar Dental Care Ltd – Newton Abbot, Devon  
Perfect32.com – Beverley, East Yorkshire  
Westbury Park Dental Practice – Clayton, Newcastle under Lyme  
The 130 Dental Centre – Hayes, Middlesex  
Thompson & Thomas – Sheffield, South Yorkshire

**03. Practice Design and Interior South**

Backwell Dental Care – Backwell, Bristol  
Senova Dental Studios – Watford, Hertfordshire  
Swiss Smile Kids – London  
The Ivory Room Dentalcare – London  
Gentle Dental Care – Winchester, Hampshire

**04. Practice Design and Interior North**

The Dental Healthcare Centre and Cleveland Cosmetic & Dental Implant Clinic – Stockton on Tees  
Abbey Dental - Isle of Man  
Cleveland Orthodontics – Middlesbrough  
Gencare Dental Clinic – Tickhill, South Yorkshire  
Gencare Dental Clinic – Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

**05. Best National Smile Month Event**

Dentith & Dentith Dental Practice – Oakham, Rutland  
Genix Healthcare Ltd - Leeds  
Thompson & Thomas – Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Woodseats Dental Care – Sheffield, South Yorkshire

**06. Dentist of the Year South**

Michael Sultan – 99 Harley Street, London  
Dr John Patrick McVeigh – Abbey Mead Dental Practice & Implant Centre, Tavistock, Devon  
Dr Lennart Jacobsen DDS MSC (DENMARK) – City Dental Care, London  
Michael Atar – Swiss Smile Kids, London  
Dr David Bloom – Senova Dental Studios, Watford, Hertfordshire  
Dr Bhavin Bhatt BDS (U.Lon) MFGDP RCS Eng – Smile & Wellbeing Dental Care, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire

**07. Dentist of the Year North**

Dr Michael Cahill – Cahill Care Centre Ltd, Bolton, Lancashire  
Gary Rowland – Perfect32.com, Beverley, East Yorkshire  
Michael John Heads – The Dental Healthcare Centre and Cleveland Cosmetic & Dental Implant Clinic – Stockton on Tees  
Duncan Thomas, Amble Dental Practice, Amble, Northumberland

Claire T Lawson – Lion House Dental Practice, Richmond, North Yorkshire  
David Thomas – Thompson & Thomas, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

**08. Dental Therapist of the Year**

Kirsty Louise Smith – Smile & Wellbeing Dental Care, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire  
Kevin Lawlor – M&S Dental Care, Fort William, Scotland  
Catherine Gray – Special Care and Community Dental Service, Barking, Essex

**09. Dental Hygienist of the Year**

Melonie Prebble – Senova Dental Studio, Watford, Hertfordshire  
Kirsty Louise Smith – Smile & Wellbeing Dental Care, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire  
Karen Hails – The Dental Healthcare Centre and Cleveland Cosmetic & Dental Implant Clinic, Stockton on Tees  
Debbie Bell – Cheam, Surrey  
Joanna Louise Jones – Various London practices

**10. Oral Health Promoter of the Year**

Emma Clithero – Dentith & Dentith Dental Practice, Oakham, Rutland  
Julia Wilkinson – Oral Health Promotion, Nottinghamshire  
Elaine Sharp – Blantyre Health Centre, Lanarkshire

**11. Dental Nurse of the Year**

Madeleine Fielder – Backwell Dental Care, Backwell, Bristol  
Kirsty Barber – Thompson & Thomas, Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Rachel L Walker – Andrews Dental, Chesterfield, Derbyshire  
Sam Davis – Marsh Farm Health Centre, Luton, Bedfordshire  
Nichola Sludds – Harrowgate Hill Dental Practice, County Durham

**12. Dental Technician of the Year**

Luke Barnett – Luke Barnett, Watford, Hertfordshire  
Steven Osgathorpe – Dencraft, Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
TJ Nicolas – Implant & Ceramic Centre Ltd, Miserden, Gloucestershire

**13. Dental Receptionist of the Year**

Beverly Street – 99 Harley Street, London  
Christine Ferguson – Perfect32.com, Beverley, East Yorkshire  
Carly Campbell – Thompson & Thomas, Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Jane Allen – Wendy Sandeman Dental Practice, Drimpton, Dorset  
Katie Hanson – Woodseats Dental Care, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

**14. Practice Manager of the Year**

Linda Heads – The Dental Healthcare Centre and Cleveland Cosmetic & Dental Implant Clinic, Stockton on Tees  
Cheryl Lawrence – The Smile Boutique, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire  
Jane Armitage – Thompson & Thomas, Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Shabana Shakil – 130 Dental Centre, Hayes, Middlesex  
Bridget Hayes – Tidworth Dental Centre, Tidworth, Wiltshire

**15. Clinical Dental Technician of the Year**

James Neilson – Winning Smiles, Gillingham, Dorset  
Marc Northover – Various Dental Practices, Birmingham  
Philip McKeown – Hamilton Clinical Dental Technicians, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire Scotland

**16. Team of the Year South**

99 Harley Street – London

Backwell Dental Care – Backwell, Bristol  
El-Nashar Dental Care Ltd – Newton Abbot, Devon  
The Smile Boutique – Peterborough, Cambridgeshire  
Wendy Sandeman Dental Practice – Drimpton, Dorset  
Sweetcroft Dental Practice – Hillingdon, Middlesex  
Bedfordshire Community Health Services – Ampthill, Bedford

**17. Team of the Year North**

Cahill Care Centre Ltd – Bolton, Lancashire  
Oral Health Promotion Team - Nottinghamshire  
Perfect32.com – Beverley, East Yorkshire  
The Dental Healthcare Centre and Cleveland Cosmetic & Dental Implant Clinic – Stockton on Tees  
Thompson & Thomas – Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
Woodseats Dental Care – Sheffield, South Yorkshire