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## THOMAS TO TARGET WELSH TEETH



David Thomas was appointed Wales' new Chief Dental Officer in May this year.

Mr Thomas qualified as a dentist in Cardiff in 1976. Since 2008 he has led the All Wales Dental Public Health Team and has worked as an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the academic public health department in Cardiff University.

He was appointed as Deputy Chief Dental Officer to the Welsh Government in 2010 and was named Acting Chief Dental Officer (CDO) later that year following the retirement of the previous CDO, Dr Paul Langmaid.

'I look forward to working with the Welsh Government Ministers on the many aspects of dental policy and practice,' said Mr Thomas, 'including promoting and improving the dental health of the people of Wales.'

## BDA SEEKS URGENT MEETING OVER TEETH WHITENING PRODUCTS

The British Dental Association (BDA) is seeking an urgent meeting with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) to resolve concerns about the position trading standards officers are adopting in relation to the supply of teeth whitening products.

The BDA is aware that a current investigation by trading standards at Essex County Council is having a major impact on the availability of hydrogen peroxide-based whitening products to dentists, which adversely affects their ability to provide whitening treatments to patients. The BDA believes that this supply problem could mean that patients instead seek whitening treatments from

non-dental professionals, which is illegal and dangerous.

'The recently-changed approach to the supply of whitening products is a significant concern for patient safety,' said Stuart Johnson, Chair of the BDA's Representative Body. 'This must be addressed as a matter of urgency and the previously adopted low-key approach to supply to dental professionals reinstated.'

The BDA is also seeking progress on the ongoing review of the European Union's review of the EU Cosmetics Directive, which it hopes will provide a sensible legal framework for the provision of tooth whitening products in the UK.

## GRADUATE PERIO GUIDE LAUNCHED

The British Society of Periodontology (BSP) has launched a collaborate guide for newly qualified dental graduates, the *Young Practitioners Guide to Periodontology*.

The launch took place at the BSP Spring Meeting in Belfast (pictured).

The *Young Practitioners Guide to*

*Periodontology* is a 31-page 'easy read' with contributions from enthusiastic specialists keen to pass on their experiences in the management of patients with periodontal diseases.

Over the next few months the BSP will be providing a copy of the guide to all new UK dental graduates.

