

## Apprentice Nurses

As Zahra is nearing the end of her apprenticeship in dental Nursing we have been able to recruit 2 new apprentices. Katie Bowen and Freya Butcher and we're pleased to say Zahra will be staying with us as a permanent member of the nursing team.



**KATIE** joined us in July having studied at Notre Dame 6th form college in Leeds. Katie developed a keen interest in dentistry whilst having complex orthodontic treatment herself and was keen to pursue a career in dentistry. She was thrilled to be able to secure an apprenticeship as a dental nurse. Katie has a Staffie cross Doberman called Bailey who she describes as "her life". As well as caring for her dog, Katie loves to socialise, shop and eat out.



**FREYA** joined us in October and prior to that she studied at Elliott Hudson college in Leeds where she studied Music Technology, French and Philosophy. Out of work she likes to produce her own music on her MAC. She plays the guitar, piano, violin and the steel pans. Along with many of the staff, Freya is a great dog-lover and has recently adopted a German Shepherd rescue dog called Archie.

## Promotion

Since our last publication Claire Pygott our Deputy Head Nurse has been promoted to Head Nurse. Claire has been in the role for 5 months now and is enjoying the new challenge of ensuring the clinical side of the practice runs smoothly and effectively.

## Foundation Dentists

We came to the end of the two year placement for our Foundation dentists in August and therefore welcomed two new Foundation dentists into the practice, Lucy Slater and Rebekah Hadley.



Lucy Slater



Rebekah Hadley

Both of them work between Eclipse and the Maxillofacial team at the Leeds General Infirmary. In her spare time Lucy enjoys playing netball, going to the gym, watching TV and baking. The team have already seen the products of Lucy's baking passion!

Rebekah qualified at Barts and The London where she also completed an Oral Biology BSc. In her spare time Rebekah enjoys gardening and plays the violin.

We waved goodbye to Greg Herbert who was one of our Foundation dentists between 2015 and 2017 and Greg is now travelling around Australia. The team had a leaving lunch with Greg on his last day.

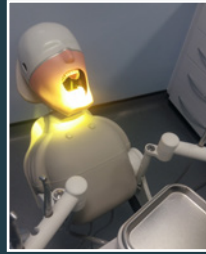
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# NORDEC Simulation Centre



Jo and Claire were invited to the opening ceremony of the NORDEC Simulation centre which is part of Bradford College back in October. The simulation centre is a purpose built training facility for trainee dental nurses. It comprises a surgery, decontamination suite, class rooms and a simulation area with prosthetic heads where the trainee nurses can practise their skills before working on patients.



## Farewell

Ginny will be leaving us in December to move on to pastures new. You will all know Ginny from reception as she has been front of house greeting you all for the last 16 years. Ginny's family has grown up and moved away and now Ginny feels it's time for her to have a new challenge. We're sure you will all wish Ginny the best of luck for her new venture, as we all do. We'll miss you!



## Well Done!

Congratulations go to Matthew Collins who recently achieved his Diploma in Implantology. His hard work and hours of study resulted in him passing with flying colours. Implants are a way of replacing missing teeth without involving adjacent teeth and are an excellent alternative to dentures. Matthew is keen to expand on his rapidly growing portfolio and below are some before and after pictures of a lovely lady who had missing teeth and decided implants were her treatment preference.



## Expansion

We have been busy during the late summer with lots of building work going on at the practice. We have added a further surgery to the ground floor which now gives us a total of 7 surgeries. Jarri's surgery has also been fully refurbished and we have built a new decontamination unit. This has doubled in size in comparison to the old one. This is where all our instruments and equipment go through the sterilisation process.

