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CDO England and BSPD present *NASDAL Dental Check by One 2022 Practice of the Year Award*

Last week saw CDO England, Sara Hurley and BSPD's Dr Urshla Devalia present the NASDAL (National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers) Dental Check by One Practice of the Year Award in the Clinical Theatre at BDIA Showcase.

Having been on a forced hiatus since October 2019 due to the pandemic – this year's award is presented by NASDAL to recognise the outstanding commitment of practices to the DCby1 campaign. Launched by the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) in partnership with the Office of the Chief Dental Officer England, the aim of the campaign is to increase the number of children who access dental care aged 0-2 years, by encouraging dental appointments for babies before their first birthday.

The winner of the *NASDAL Dental Check by One Practice of the Year 2022 Award* and the £1000 prize is **Bateman and Best, Darwen, Lancashire**.

Nick Ledingham, Chairman of NASDAL, commented, "The last two years have been very difficult for dentistry and society as a whole. However, we have still seen huge efforts by practices up and down

the UK put into DCby1. It is abundantly clear that it means so much to many practices and at NASDAL we feel honoured to be able to support this initiative. We hope our award and the £1000 cheque that the winner receives will enable them to achieve even more for access for children and babies moving forward.

NASDAL has always been keen to recognise business excellence in dentistry - this award illustrates that doing the right thing makes good business sense too.

“Congratulations to our winner, Bateman and Best. We were particularly impressed with the focus on expectant mothers and those who have recently had a baby to register their newborns, even if they may not have any teeth yet. This has helped children to adapt to the environment, so they can familiarise themselves to the smells and sounds of the dental practice. Since January 2019 the practice has registered 253 children under the age of 2 - very impressive when you consider the two years of pandemic.”

Dr Michael Best, Principal of Bateman and Best said, “We are absolutely over the moon to win this award! We have always been passionate about improving the oral health of children. We believe that it is even more important that this vital area wasn’t forgotten during the pandemic. We look forward to building upon this success.”

Dr Urshla Devalia, Honorary Secretary of BSPD, added, “I am absolutely delighted for Michael and all the team at Bateman and Best. They have shown such dedication to the cause of improving children’s oral health and DCby1 - even in the most difficult of times. All the team get involved and many have undertaken additional qualifications in oral health to enable them to help even more people. They have worked hard at reaching out to the local community in nurseries and schools to those who didn’t know they could bring their child into the dentist so early. I wish them well as they continue to spread the message of DCby1; they are a great example of what can be achieved.”

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Note to editors:

NASDAL, the National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers, was set up in 1998. It is an association of accountants and lawyers who specialise in acting for and looking after the accounting, tax and legal affairs of dentists. It is the pre-eminent centre of excellence for accounting, tax and legal matters concerning dentists. Its members are required to pass strict admission criteria, and it regulates the performance of its members to ensure high standards of technical knowledge and service.

Nick Ledingham, Chairman of NASDAL, is available for interview. To organise to speak to him or any other members of NASDAL for more information please contact Chris Baker.

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