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## Maintaining High Standards of Care

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Dental Practice is committed to treating patients with methods and materials that have clinical evidence as being effective and fit for purpose. These materials have increased in cost since 2020, and we have adjusted our fees accordingly so that we can continue to follow evidence-based procedures to provide patients with the best outcome.

We encourage patients to consider the range of treatment options available, as dentistry advances in techniques and materials our team is committed to develop their professional competency to maintain the high standards patients can expect from Our service.

#### What has happened behind the scenes?

- Covid -19 led to many changes in the dental sector, and the main change patients might not notice is with the air supply to each surgery. GCG dental practice fitted a state-of-the-art air system for each of the five surgeries, that provides filtered air at a rate greater than 15 air exchanges per hour. This is to ensure that, combined with our disinfection and decontamination processes, patients' safety in the clinical environment.
- You might have noticed that the chairs in reception are now made of a wipeable fabric, designed to reduce risks to patients.

### Sustainability.

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Dental Practice is committed to the sustainability agenda facing not just the healthcare sector but many aspects of industry and day to day living.

- The FDI (world dental federation) states that dentistry can reduce its environmental impact by providing optimal health care and reducing the number of dental appointments people need and reducing consumption of materials.
- This aim can be achieved by proving high quality dental care with a focus on prevention of dental diseases, combined with reducing the impact of dental pollution.
  - We have introduced metal cups into each surgery, that are autoclavable and sterilized between use.
  - Plastic cups will not be automatically available for each patient.
  - Our Dental Nurses are all trained with extended duties (EDDN) and can provide high quality, prevention focused dental treatment and advice. Patients will notice that the EDDN will provide certain treatments.
  - Patients can use video conferencing systems as an initial diagnostic tool to reduce wasted journeys. Who wants to travel to the dentist to be told to come back for a dental intervention? Please use this service.
  - Gwaun cae Gurwen dental practice uses the consultants connect service for SBHUB, and this has reduced patient journeys by 60%.

# GCGNEWS



#### Staff news

Firstly we congratulate Rhian, the practice manager for her marriage in December 2022 and please be aware that her surname has changed and is now Rhian Clanfield.



Siddarth Gupta is now a highly recommended aesthetic dentist, he is completing his Msc in aesthetic dentistry at Kings College London and has just returned from Seattle where he has undertaken training at the Kois centre, combined with his training in the UK with Tipton, Siddarth can provide highly advanced cosmetic dental solutions, using materials of the highest quality. Patients who are considering improving their smiles, or who have cosmetic concerns are recommended to book a consultation with Sid.

Yvette Powe has worked as a dentist at Gwaun cae Gurwen Dental Practice since 2020 and is providing patients with prevention based and restorative dental solutions. Yvie is driving the practice forward with the sustainability agenda and is a champion in this new and exciting development for the profession. Yvie is very busy at Gwaun cae Gurwen Dental Practice and her work is in high demand. Patients must be aware that missed appointments do lead to wasted appointment slots and where patients are having to wait for three months for a visit, missed appointments affect other patients at the practice with delays in their treatment timings and outcomes.

Vinay Bohra has travelled to GCG from his practice in Bristol to provide patients with Implant based restorative solutions for lost or missing teeth. We're lucky to have Vinai coming to GCG dental practice and hope that Swansea City AFC continue to draw him back to his roots.

Ceri Ann Lewis can provide dental therapist services for our patients at GCG dental practice. Ceri Ann is available on Mondays for both therapy and hygiene services.

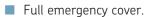
#### Payment Plans

GwaunCaeGurwen Dental Practice is able to offer interest free credit with Tabeo Finance for dental treatment costing over £500.

Ask reception if you have any queries.

#### Denplan Care









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Since 2005 Gwaun cae Gurwen Dental Practice has continued to provide dental access under the National Health Service. We have a contract to undertake 800 units of activity monthly (UDAs) this is outstripped by demand and we prefer to use these NHS units for children and young adults.