WELLINGTON HOUSE DENTAL PRACTICE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2006

Dear Patients,

First of all I would like to thank you for all the loyalty and trust that you have shown my colleagues, staff and I during this move away from the NHS. The decision to leave the NHS was made in the light of changes imposed on us by the Department of Health and the implementation of the new contract for dentists. It was not an easy decision to make.

We are confident that, although for many of you private treatment means an increase in the cost of your dental care, in the long run there will be benefits to you and your children. My colleagues and I are now able to provide dental care that is of a standard that we feel is right for you and free of the restrictions that apply within the under funded NHS.

All my staff have worked very hard in the transition period and have taken on additional responsibilities to allow the practice to continue. Indeed, we now hope to improve, not only the quality of care, but hopefully our service levels in all aspects of your visits to the dentist.

We are genuinely excited by the plans we have for the changes to the practice and this newsletter will enlighten you on some of the changes we wish to implement.

Once again may I thank you for allowing us to continue to provide you with your dental care and for your understanding during the busy period.

Yours sincerely

Dr Michael Edgecombe

FURTHER TRAINING

This year we are looking forward to having two of our nurses train as oral health educators. Once completed this will enable them to provide further health education to you, our patients, either on a one to one basis or in small groups.
One of our other nurses is taking her Certificate in Dental Radiography in June. This will then allow her to take any xrays within the practice.
In November Linzi will be taking her National Dental Nursing Exam. Once passed Linzi will be a qualified dental nurse ensuring our patients receive even better care.
In the beginning of the new year Dr Lucy Reeve will be attending a specialist course in restorative dentistry (crowns and bridges) at the Eastman Dental Hospital in London.
I am sure you will join us in wishing them success in their exam and for their hard work and dedication to Wellington House Dental Practice.