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Victory – at a cost

Orthodontist Eddie Crouch faces an enormous legal bill after taking his primary care trust to the High Court. Lawyers remunerated from Eddie's own pocket argued that South Birmingham PCT had breached NHS regulations by suggesting that it could terminate his contract 'at any time and without cause'. [more>](#)



Eddie Crouch.

Insurance innovation

Dentists can tailor income protection to suit their needs throughout their career with a new flexible insurance package. Advantages include inflation proofing cover, extending the retirement age to 70 without further medical examinations and underwriting, and two discounted options for VDPs. [more>](#)

British rotters

British people believe they have very poor oral health, according to new research, with cost of dental treatment being one of the major factors to blame. A recent survey reveals that 5.33m respondents aged between 16 and 64 consider their teeth to be in a poor or extremely poor state, with only half the people in this age group believing that their teeth are in a good or excellent condition. [more>](#)



Illegal dentistry prosecutions

The UK dental regulator has successfully prosecuted Joe Jordan of Denture Care and Repair, a mobile business in Winchester, for 14 counts of illegally practising dentistry. This follows two earlier convictions against Mr Jordan in December 2006, when he was trading as Rapid Repairs. [more>](#)

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Further failure figures

Yet more evidence has been published showing that the Government's 2006 contractual reforms are failing to achieve their aim of improving access to NHS dentistry. [more>](#)

Select committee evidence

The British Orthodontic Society has submitted oral evidence to the Health Select Committee reviewing the consequences of the new NHS dental and orthodontic contracts. [more>](#)

Winning voice

The winner of the first annual Mouth Cancer Voice Awards has recorded her first CD as part of the top prize. [more>](#)

Dentists are patients too

Dentists will benefit from the same level of care as their patients under a new NHS scheme to advise and treat healthcare professionals suffering from physical or mental health concerns and addictions. [more>](#)

Specialist diploma

A new diploma in primary care orthodontics has been introduced to plug the gap in orthodontic provision in some parts of the country. The qualification aims to establish clear standards of patient care in a specialist field in which a large amount of treatment is carried out by general dental practitioners. [more>](#)

Dental school visit



The first new UK dental school in 40 years received a visit from the chief dental officer for England and his deputy, Barry Cockcroft and Tory Jenner met students, staff and local primary care trust dental leads at the Peninsula Dental School in Plymouth.

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Vision for world health



Oral health charity Dentaid has produced a brochure and DVD documenting the story of its work so far and its vision for the future. The brochure explores the oral health problems experienced in the developing world, how 'DIY' dentistry is carried out on the street, and cultural practices that spread oral infections.

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Sporting conference



Dental implantology and rugby were combined in a unique lecture programme that took delegates to the Millennium Stadium to watch Wales play Scotland in the Six Nations Championship. The *Sidestepping Problems in Implant Dentistry* course was hosted by former Welsh rugby international Simon Hill, who has been developing an implant referral practice in South Wales since hanging his professional boots up.

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