

# **Dental Foundation Training NHS England NW**

## **Educational Supervisor – Practice Profile**



Name of Educational Supervisor	Catherine Armstrong
Practice Name	Bateman & Best Dental Practice
Practice Address	334 Blackburn Road, Darwen, Lancashire
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Practice Profile: (e.g. how many surgeries, equipment, location/area, staff members, etc)	The practice has 7 surgeries and is open Monday – Friday 8.30-5.45. Fridays are usually study days for FD's We are located 45 minutes drive from the centre of Manchester; the practice is on the edge of the Lancashire Moors and within an hour's drive of the Lake District National Park.  Darwen is connected to the motorway system at Junction 4 of the M65 motorway, which easy links to the M61/M60 and M6. We have several Dentists who commute in from Manchester and other surrounding areas each day.  The surgery is modern and well equipped, is fully computerised (R4 software) including a digital x-ray scanner that is linked to all surgeries. The surgery is fully stocked with a wide range of dental materials for use including rotary endo.  There are currently five dentists, 1 Dental Therapists, a Practice Manager, two Receptionists and nine Dental Nurses offering a full range of treatments.  Our team is well trained and highly motivated.  Our practice fosters a training environment where all staff are encouraged to pursue continuing professional development in a supportive atmosphere.  We currently have Dental Therapy Students from Manchester University on placements in the practice.

All of our qualified Dental Nurses are registered with the General Dental Council and some are also qualified to carry out Radiographs.

#### **ES** Biography:

I am one of the senior dentists at the practice which I joined the practice following graduating from Glasgow University in 1997, and have been an Educational Supervisor for the last five years. I am committed to the provision of NHS and private dentistry here in Darwen. I was an honorary tutor for Liverpool University in teaching and supervising Dental Therapy students. I have completed my PG Cert Teaching and Learning in Clinical Practice and have been involved with Foundation training at the Practice for the last seven years. I am the appointed Radiation Protection Adviser at Bateman and Best. I enjoy general family dentistry, dealing with anxious patients, endodontics and teaching communication skills.

Bateman & Best is a large, multi-disciplinary practice, focused on education, we usually have two Foundation Dentists and several undergraduate therapy students. We have an Implantologist ,who attends once a week, a Specialist Restorative Dentist and the principle dentist who has recently finished his masters in Orthodontics, so you will get experience and support in all these areas.

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### **Outside view of surgery**



### **Foundation Dentist Surgery**

