

## Nomination of Anne Begley for BAOMS Trainer of the Year

Trainees of Mersey and North Wales would like to nominate Anne Begley as BAOMS Trainer of the Year.

From her efficient yet empathetic approach to her generous nature (trainees of all grades have a goody in their inbox every Christmas and Easter) she is an exemplar of what a good trainer should be. As an OMFS TPD and Associate Dental Dean she supports her trainees and trainers will balance and fairness but is willing to go into battle against bureaucracy or inertia if this is what is needed.

**Leadership:** Miss Begley leads by both inspiration and example. She took over as Training Programme Director of our training rotation with a number pre-existing challenges. She provided leadership to the trainers and the trainees from the start, driving up standards of documentation and feedback. The 'self-assessment' pre-CCT and pre-ARCP checklists developed in Liverpool have become the standard for OMFS and have inspired other specialties to design similar documentation.

When Health Education England across the North West combined the Mersey and Manchester rotations into one she took on this combined role blending the best elements of the cultures of both training rotations to raise the standards in each.

Where trainer concerns or habits have the potential to undermine training, she promotes consensus with encouragement and clear summaries of the indicative requirements.

Her appointment in 2016 as Associate Dean for Dental Core Training showed her commitment to this source of trainees and workers within OMFS as well as raising the standards of DCT training and recruits.

**Training and Development:** Miss Begley understands that the role of specialty training has development of the individual at its core but this can only happen in the right environment. Her approach to hands-on teaching in theatre and in clinic is calm, authoritative but challenging.

When trainees have faced challenges with the Exit exam or other issues, she is persistently supportive until success is achieved.

When service pressures threaten to compromise training opportunities, she is firm with the administrative staff but creative with her solutions. Her documentation giving a clear approach for trainees where there is the opportunity for them to work with indirect supervision is being shared outside HEENW.

**Professionalism:** By setting a clear example herself, and expecting no less from others, Miss Begley's professionalism sets a high standard. Unruffled and, perhaps, even unruffleable when things get difficult, she is ever popular with all staff in theatre, in clinic, and in the departmental including support staff. When the NHS and training generates yet another inexplicable change for change's sake, Miss Begley provides some constancy in her presence and her manner.

**Resourcefulness:** Miss Begley is collaborative and encouraging. With Prof Richard Shaw, she has persuaded Liverpool Medical School to allocate two places to OMFS trainees and developed a local OMFS 4 year Master's programme at a price which no new trainee has turned down. When the Trust withdrew the on-call room, a convertible lounge was bought and placed in the trainees' room. When no funding could be found for teleconference facilities to allow 'off site' trainees to join Friday morning teaching, a projector, screen and speakers were sourced, just in time for the World Cup too.

**Communication:** communication skills are probably Miss Begley's strongest suit. Perhaps honed in her area of sub-specialty interest where dealing with patients with jaw joint problem can test anyone's patience, Miss Begley combines the ability to listen with care and the skill to teach concisely. She is invited faculty on the Orthodontic trainees Orthognathic teaching and the North Wales hands-on course.

The trainees in Mersey and North Wales whole-heartedly support Miss Begley for the award of BAOMS Trainer of the Year 2017.