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As President and on behalf of BAOMS Council, I would like to thank you all for your supreme efforts in supporting the NHS through its greatest challenge in its 72 Year history.

**INTRODUCTION** ROBERT BENTLEY, PRESIDENT

At the time of the Presidential handover in December 2019 who could have imagined that less than 4 months later we would have witnessed our whole personal and professional worlds turned upside down? I am reminded of when Harold Macmillan became Britain's prime minister; he was asked what would determine his government's course. He replied "Events, dear boy, events."

The COVID-19 pandemic has proved similarly to be an "Event" for myself, BAOMS Council and the Trustees as we have seen our best laid plans for the year ahead quickly unravel. Whilst maintaining the necessary activity of the Association we have in addition turned our not inconsiderable efforts to the immediacy of providing the leadership and reference for the specialty through these most testing of times, and I am grateful to all of those who have given their time so willingly at this time of National Emergency.

As an Association we have acted swiftly in preparing NHSE specialty advisory documents on our **COVID-19 webpage** on both escalation plans for the delivery of a greatly modified Emergency Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery service and support for tracheostomy provision whilst at the same time advising on the reduction of elective services and different ways of delivering treatments to reduce the burden on NHS capacity when it was needed most.

The safety of our members and patients was always uppermost in our thoughts and the actions we have taken in maintaining a firm line on our recommendations regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with our other sister organisations in ENT Surgery and Oral Surgery and have highlighted to NHSE and PHE

the increased risk to our members due to the Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP's) that we perform in close proximity to the upper aero digestive tract and have helped support policy changes.

Whilst writing this piece it has allowed me to reflect on my Presidential supporting statement back in December 2016 where I stated that "This is a challenging time for our Association. Issues include how our services will be commissioned in the evolving Strategic Transformational Plans (STP's) and how we are going to lead Operational Delivery Networks (ODN's) of integrated care in OMFS." Little did I know how true this statement would prove to be! As we come to the end of "Phase 1" of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a specialty we can now reflect that this generation of junior and senior colleagues rose to the challenge our own specialty, and also through their deployment as "COVID Doctors" and just as our colleagues from previous generations have faced the challenges of previous conflicts. We too have not been found wanting and should be justifiably proud of the part that our specialty and its members have played in the NHS's collective effort.

So now we have to rise to the "Second Phase" of the NHS Response to COVID-19, outlined in a letter on the 29th April by the NHS Chief Executive Sir Simon Stevens in which the plans for the early recovery to the end of July are set out. But what is more important is what lies beyond this over the next 12 to 18 months in phases 3 & 4. This is where we must grasp the opportunity to engage with Regional NHSE Clinical Directors of commissioning and help define "What good looks like!" for the future of our specialty. We must be quick to adapt to changes in practice that

incorporate the lessons learnt through dealing with COVID, whether that be video consultations or screening of Head and Neck Cancer cases into COVID negative facilities or the enhanced use of ambulatory care facilities for much of our current inpatient trauma workload. Above all it is imperative that we continue to acquire the data not only for the COVID audits but also as part of the ongoing QOMS projects (see update from the QOMS Team in this newsletter) which will form the evidence base of our quality based improvement programme that is essential in informing our work with commissioners and the hope that we might as a result be able to deliver our version of the GIRFT recommendations.

Foremost of these recommendations is consideration for integrated OMFS Networks for a given geography and population that can deliver the emergency and elective work streams that through economies of scale are robust enough to deal with the challenges that the separation of COVID and Non-COVID patients will bring. This would have been debated at the Annual Scientific Conference in June along with topics including recruitment and retention, how best to deliver the new curriculum, fellowship training post TIG's and many other topics shaping the future of our speciality. That meeting is now sadly another casualty of COVID-19.

However, we should see this emergency as an opportunity to reflect if nothing else that we are stronger together as a speciality and that if we take the responsibility for supervising all aspects of OMFS from Dentoalveolar to Head and Neck Cancer surgery then we will be seen to provide the solutions rather than having to deal with the ill thought out plans of others. In 2015 at the Liverpool ASM, James Brown invited me to present a keynote lecture on specialised commission, operational delivery networks and its implications for the future of OMFS Service provision. I had entitled this "Re-organising Trauma Services in England and its effect on Oral and Maxillofacial Units". During my presentation I asked the question "Do you want commissioning to be your next best friend or your worst enemy?" I suggested then as now that we should through our engagement with an evidence based review of delivering networked care supported by a workforce plan that informed our recruitment and retention policy and delivery of training. Since then we have seen our inclusion in the GIRFT process and its support of this recommendation which in time will be informed by "All" of our engagement with the QOMS quality programmes. It is essential that we support these processes to inform commissioning decisions and make them "Our best friends and not our worst enemies." The future is up to us and I believe that we should not and will not waste this once in a lifetime opportunity.

I would like to congratulate Sat Parmar for his excellent year as President, in not only delivering such a high quality and enjoyable meeting in Birmingham, the largest BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting thus far, but also the successful joint meeting in Cape Town with our fellow South African and ANZAOMS Associations. In addition, Sat's Presidential initiatives including **MaxFxBites** and the **"Diversity and Inclusion in OMFS"**

project have proved very successful and a worthy legacy. Being elected President of our Association is the greatest honour of my professional career and I am especially reminded of this when I think of those mentors who I have worked for in their term as Presidents, Mike Wake, Peter Leopard and John Langdon, who I am greatly indebted to for their support over the years and who demonstrated those qualities I that can only hope to emulate in my time in office. However, there is one President who I would like to pay particular tribute to at this time, Russell Hopkins. It was Russell who inspired me to take up Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery whilst a dental student and who subsequently appointed me in 1985 as a house surgeon in Cardiff, and who also sparked my interest Medical leadership. It was with great pride that I heard of his congratulations on my becoming President and subsequently National Clinical Director for Major Trauma which were passed on to me by his daughter and my colleague, Claire. Russell was truly an inspirational leader of our speciality, who was always fun to be around and his passing was met with collective sorrow from his colleagues and great personal sadness on my behalf. We will remember him.

### BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting London, June 2020

After careful consideration we have had to postpone the BAOMS June 2020 conference, a decision that I believe to be the only option at a time when our members and their families are involved in a national collective effort supporting the NHS at this challenging time.

This is very disappointing news for us all. The BAOMS team has been working hard and the event plans were completed. Although, we cannot host the event until June 2022 due to commitments to the ICOMS (International Conference on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) 2021 conference in Glasgow, this does mean we will be able to plan for a successful conference in London by translating the completed conference programme in its entirety to the June 2022 ASM at London's Southbank Centre. I very much hope you'll be able to join us in June 2022 and I look forward to welcoming you to London's Southbank Centre when we will be back and even stronger. We will announce the meeting dates when possible and run another call for abstracts in Autumn 2021.

In the meantime, following on from the abstract submissions we received for the 2020 Call for abstracts, we are planning to invite a number of themed papers through on line events, the possibilities for which are currently being explored and the details of which we hope to announce shortly.

In addition, I can also announce that BAOMS 2021 President Austen Smith is planning a two-day meeting from 15 to 16 April 2021 in Sheffield. This will support the ICOMS 2021 conference taking place in September 2021. There will be further information available later this year.



**PATRICK MAGENNIS**  
 CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL

## BAOMS Chair Notes and actions for everyone

### New QOMS Leaders needed plus COVID Audits (esp tracheostomy)

Jeremy McMahon will stand down from leading the QOMS project this summer. On behalf of the whole Association, I would like to thank Jeremy for the enormous amount of work he has put into the QOMS project so far. The COVID hiatus has created a pause in the QOMS project created by the suspension of elective activity which could give his replacement(s) a little time to get up to speed. I included the (s) because we are looking for a lead and a deputy lead (and probably some names to lead each component of QOMS) as we move toward a future with genuine outcome measures. If you are interested in joining the QOMS leadership team, please speak to Jeremy or myself or Peter Brennan.

For the COVID Audits, Fabien has highlighted these in his update. The most political is the tracheostomy audit. If every trachy undertaken by OMFS is included, it will both make the project more valuable and also highlight our key role in this area to our ENT colleagues. Fabien will help you register for REDCap, collect your data and (if you record your data on the Excel sheet or the paper proforma) add your data to REDCap.

#### Action 1:

Please **contact BAOMS** if you are interested in joining the QOMS leadership team

#### Action 2:

Please **add your data to the COVID Trauma, Infection and Tracheostomy audits.**

### BAOMS supporting applications for entry onto the Oral Surgery Specialist List

Our Associate Fellows, Vinita and Paminder, have been very busy building a template to support SAS colleagues who wish to apply for specialist listing. At present the only pathway available is using the 'Research/Academic' Route 5. The GDC is reviewing specialist lists and the specialist listing process with the suggestion that they are aiming for something more like the GMC's CESR process. Time will tell. In the interim, if you are an SAS grade and would like to discuss your application, please contact the BAOMS office. The applications are tricky, but we have advice for all elements needed. One requirement is at least 2 references from Oral Surgery Specialists. Not all OMFS consultants are on the OS list, but myself and other BAOMS Fellows who are have agreed to

provide references based on personal references from those with whom you work.

#### Action for Everyone:

*Please speak to your SAS grade colleagues. Make sure they know about the active support programme if they wish to apply for entry to the specialist list in oral surgery. Or, if they have already applied successfully, ask them if they would like to join our team.*

### Planning for OMFS Elective Care post-COVID

Everything has changed and is changing. The suspension of elective activity for two months has created a backlog which will need to be addressed but not in the same way as we might have done in the past. Major cases of all types and orthognathic cases especially require very careful planning. The significant mortality associated with catching COVID in the post-operative period makes the creation of a safe patient pathway essential. OMFS is always a small player numerically in any organisation, we need to be at the forefront to make sure our needs are not overlooked. Make sure that a representative of your department is involved in all post-COVID plans for your Trust.

#### Action for everyone:

*Please share your COVID related policies, plans, and pathways with BAOMS. A job shared is a job halved. Be generous with your work.*

### Creating strong and resilient OMFS Functional Clinical Networks

The reorganisation of all services associated with the COVID crisis has created a opportunity to reorganise services for improved patient safety, patient care and efficiency. It is important that this does not become yet another 'top down' reorganisation of the NHS but rather we take a strong leadership role. In England, there is a drive to deliver on the recommendations of all the 'Getting It Right First Time' (GIRFT) **Reports including our own – click here.** Bringing smaller units together to create a single, strong, resilient functional clinical network is one of the core recommendations of our GIRFT. This will be challenging in some areas where smaller units are separated by geography or history. It will require local OMFS leadership to create a plan and then engagement with regional medical directors to implement the plan. OMFS strength has been presence in the District Hospitals where our sister specialties are not always represented combined with a strong collegiate approach through linked spokes or a single hub. This is the most important action for all units in the post COVID period.

#### Action for everyone:

*Please share any key documentation around linking units, central appointment to spoke hospitals, regional planning, delivering GIRFT recommendations through BAOMS office.*

## Urgent Dental Care – UDC Clinics

During the COVID crisis there has been a range in provision of UDC across the 4 nations. This has ranged from what I think has been the 'gold standard' provided by Liverpool Dental Hospital before formal 'lock-down' with senior clinician telephone triage, and PPE positive 'dental extraction only' service for up to 40 patients a day significantly reduced patients attending A&E both in number and severity, to UDCs which are only present in theory in some regions. BAOMS has failed to

arrange a meeting with the Chief Dental Office for England in the 4 years I have been deputy Chair and Chair. I have not given up, yet. I would like to be able to go with some feedback from OMFS units about their local provision of Urgent Dental Care.

### Action for Dentoalveolar Lead in your Trust:

*Please send a short e-mail to me or to the BAOMS office summarising your local UDC provision, whether there was any interaction with the local OMFS department in its setup, if the triage is senior or nurse led, and how it has impacted on your OMFS department.*



**PETER BRENNAN**  
 DEPUTY CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL

## Deputy Chair Digest

The coronavirus pandemic has caused havoc and anxiety at multiple levels across our professional and personal lives, with uncertainty probably being the biggest worry. This is a particularly difficult time for our trainees with social distancing and other government restrictions in some cases having a profound effect on career progression, with both MRCS and FRCS exams suspended until September 2020 at the earliest. Furthermore training opportunities are also being compromised and some colleagues have been redeployed. Now more than ever, we need to support and look out for each other, and recognise the importance of well being and work-life balance. While travel restrictions are still in place, it is a good idea to plan something to look forward to.

Operating with PPE is far from easy, as this can be uncomfortable, reduces peripheral vision and hearing, and importantly non verbal communication between team members. We become tired much more easily and can become dehydrated too, both of which lower our own performance. Several COVID-related human factors articles have been written and are already available online ahead of publication in BJOMS soon.

1. Operating during the COVID-19 pandemic: How to reduce medical error
2. Reducing medical error during a pandemic
3. Personal protective equipment and Covid-19 – a risk to healthcare staff?

A further article to improve attendee experience during the ever increasing virtual meetings that have become the new 'norm' will be available soon. Please check the [BJOMS website!](#)

Our inboxes are being flooded almost on daily basis by updates from HEE, JCST, the Colleges as well as from BAOMS leading to overload and potentially missing important information. The great new look BAOMS website is a fantastic 'go to' place to source the latest advice and information about **COVID issues** (listed under the professional part of the site), including tracheostomies and research:

Regarding research, there are two ongoing projects (facial trauma and infection) that are OMFS/BAOMS specific, and four others that BAOMS would like colleagues to contribute to. Please do spend a few minutes uploading your data and experiences to ensure these projects provide meaningful data for the future.

Finally, may I thank colleagues who supported me at the recent RCS England Council election. Given the huge number of votes needed, I am truly humbled to have been elected to the College Council and will do everything possible to promote our specialty, training, education and human factors/patient safety.

## FORTHCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

BAOMS ASM 2020	EACMFS 2020	AAOMS 2020	ANZAOMS 2020	BAOMS 2021	ICOMS 2021
postponed until June 2022 LONDON, UK	postponed until 13-16 July 2021 PARIS, FRANCE	5-10 October SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, USA	postponed until 11-13 Nov 2021 HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA	Spring two day meeting 15/16 April DIAMOND CENTRE, SHEFFIELD	1-4 September GLASGOW

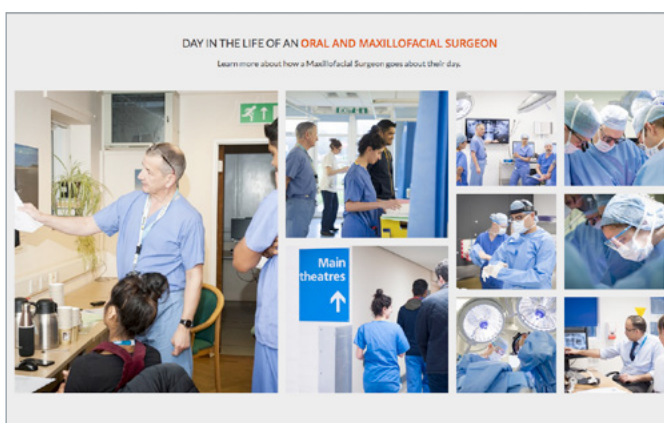
## BAOMS website New look site at [www.baoms.org.uk](http://www.baoms.org.uk)

The **BAOMS website** has now been redesigned under the direction of your Honorary Website Editor and Council member Jag Dhanda.

### Jag Dhanda

'I wanted to keep the site immersive and informative by using moving images for use with iPad and desktop as well as making the site attractive for use on mobile devices and incorporating a media wall for quick and easy access to announcements and current issues. We are hoping that the '2020 Are you Artistic Competition' (see opposite for details) will provide the opportunity for BAOMS to create an invaluable image library of real life OMFS surgeons for use both on the site and in BAOMS publications, and to a move away from the more artificial stock photos commonly utilised.

We particularly need patient friendly images as well as pictures of us working every day in our local hospital units and departments to demonstrate to the public and wider healthcare community what we do as OMFS surgeons. I am hoping the concept of 'A day in the life of an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon' will help us to achieve this for BAOMS and our specialty'



## Call for Entries: BAOMS website images and photography competition

Continuing the initiative set up by Austen Smith in 2017, this year BAOMS are pleased to announce the call for entries for the 2020 "Are you Artistic?" competition. This year is the turn of all budding photographers! BAOMS are keen to showcase the breadth of OMFS talent and invite submissions of photographs that can be used on the website and in promotional material.

### BAOMS are keen to showcase OMFS talent

Entries are invited for 3 categories:

1. A day in the life of an OMFS Surgeon
2. OMFS in action
3. General

The last category can be anything you like; a picturesque landscape or wildlife etc.

There must be no patient identifiable elements to any images, and they must be suitable for public display. Permission will also need to be obtained from the hospital communications department if utilised online or in publications. Therefore any 'people picture' will need to supply written permission (please email [office@baoms.org.uk](mailto:office@baoms.org.uk) for a consent form).

Images should be submitted as JPEGs (jpg files) minimum of 5 MB in size and sufficient resolution to project on a large screen. All work must be original and will remain the property of the photographer; submission for entry gives permission to BAOMS to use the image for Association and general publicity and illustration purposes.

A prize of a £75 Amazon voucher is available for each category. You may enter as many pictures as you like.

Please email entries to the BAOMS office at: [office@baoms.org.uk](mailto:office@baoms.org.uk)

### Email Subject: BAOMS 2020 Are you artistic competition

- 1) Name of category (please only choose from three offered)
- 2) Name of photographer (must be a BAOMS member)
- 3) A brief description / Title for the piece eg Just another day at the office...
- 4) The image as a .jpg and at least 5 MB in size

The deadline for submission by email to the BAOMS office is Monday 6 July 2020. All entries will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 5 working days please resend.

We are planning to showcase all submissions. The winners will be chosen by the President and announced in the Winter Newsletter.

## Down Surgical and BAOMS Surgery Prizes 2020

The process for applying for the senior **BAOMS awards** is a supported application process. Full details are available in the **secure area** of the website or via email to **office@baoms.org.uk**. The deadline for applications for both prizes is **12 noon BST on 3 August 2020**. Applications are considered by the Endowment Sub-Committee and recommendations are made to and for Council's approval usually at the September meetings. Previous recipients of the awards over the last few years:

### Down Surgical Prize

2019	J S Brown
2018	MS Dover
2017	Jointly awarded to M Fardy and P Johnson
2016	MT Simpson
2015	V Ilankovan
2014	RTM Woodward
2013	J Shepherd
2012	A Sugar
2011	IC Martin
2010	Not awarded
2009	I Hutchison
2008	D W Patton
2007	BS Avery
2006	BT Evans

### BAOMS Surgery Prize

2019	Jointly awarded to F Bekiroglu and N McLeod
2018	RJ Banks
2017	R Anand
2016	K Fan
2015	B Visavadia
2014	R Shaw
2013	J McCaul
2012	S Parmar
2011	C Newlands
2010	D Dhariwal
2009	A Monaghan
2008	PA Brennan
2007	P Magennis
2006	NJ Baker

## BAOMS 2020 Annual General Meeting and Prizes for 2019 BAOMS Senior Prizes and Annual Scientific Meeting in Birmingham in 2019

**BAOMS Council** are currently considering options for the 2020 Annual General Meeting and awards ceremony. They plan to notify the membership in due course and once the current situation with regard to the COVID pandemic can be better understood.

## Quality Outcome Measures in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (QOMS)

Update from **Fabien Puglia**  
 QOMS Project Manager

What a few months it has been! Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the QOMS pilot was halted in March 2020 and has now officially closed on May 1st 2020. In the meantime, the audits were left open to allow teams to complete, when possible, existing records. We have also sent an evaluation questionnaire for the pilot to assess the participants' experiences with the questionnaires and the data collection webtool (**REDCap**). We wanted to thank the 6 departments and all the surgeons who took the time to participate and give us much appreciated feedback.

We are now going to analyse all the data collected. This will inform not only the revisions of the audits themselves but also our applications to waive consent for the future (section 25 I application for England and Wales and application to PBPP for Scotland). We are still interested and keen to hear from you about the questionnaires and what should be collected or not, so do not hesitate to contact us if you want to see what we are doing and share your thoughts and suggestions at **qoms@baoms.org.uk**.

The next phase of QOMS will not be ready until after the COVID-19 crisis has passed and activities have returned to 'normal'. Nevertheless, the project team has kept busy with developing the OMFS Trauma and Dental Infection service evaluations / audits, which you have all been emailed about, as well as collaborating in running the COVIDTrach project. BAOMS has detailed information and useful documents for those projects. If you have not already, **have a look**.

In line with the new BAOMS website, we are also updating the **QOMS webpage**, so come and have a look at our new look!

Please **contact me** should you have any questions about the QOMS project.

## New e-FACE sessions for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons launched

The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) and HEE e-Learning for Healthcare (HEE e-LfH) have developed new e-learning sessions from the Dental Core Training Curriculum in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (OMFS) to support junior trainees in all aspects of their work. The resources have been added to the e-FACE e-learning programme that is hosted on the e-LfH Hub and the full list of sessions include:

- Induction to Dental Core Training
- Introduction to Specialty Training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Management of Benign Salivary Gland Disease
- Management of Odontogenic and Oral Infections (Parts 1 & 2)
- Dentoalveolar Surgery for Orthodontic Treatment
- Cystic Lesions of the Jaw
- Facial Trauma

The sessions are available on the e-LfH Hub and will be available via the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) in May 2020. For information on the e-FACE e-learning programme [click here](#).

## Central repository for information about fellowships (both UK and International) undertaken by OMFS

To help OMFS trainees, BAOMS are collecting data for a central repository for information about fellowships (both UK and International) undertaken by OMFS surgeons. We intend to collate this data and post the findings on the BAOMS website.

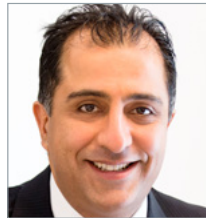
If you have undertaken a OMFS related fellowship, or you are aware of any OMFS relevant fellowships, please share your experience by completing a short anonymous survey. Please [click here](#) for the link.

If you are happy to have prospective candidates for fellowships contact you, please add your email address at the end of the survey. Many thanks for taking the time to complete this 3 minute survey.

**Jag Dhandra**, BAOMS Council member and Honorary Website Editor

## Join the BJOMS Debate: Future of UK Maxillofacial Training, is the writing really on the wall or are we too Indulged to cherish the status quo?

**KAVEH SHAKIB**  
EDITOR OF BJOMS



The number of manuscripts submitted to BJOMS, from all parts of the globe, continues to increase. The planned improvement of the quality and impact factor of the journal has resulted in increased number of papers rejected. The journal now demands higher standard of manuscripts from authors. Papers are selected not only for their scientific aptitude but also for their relevance to the wider audience who read the journal, and in particular the members of BAOMS.

BJOMS is the publication of our Association and well placed for dissemination of information and discussion amongst members and fellows. Discussions in gatherings of British oral & maxillofacial surgeons rarely excludes the issues of training and concerns about unfilled vacancies.

This important topic has been discussed for years in the chambers of the Council BAOMS and no doubt in the SAC committees. The issues and concerns raised remain, and the time has come to extend discussion to all readers of BJOMS.

A special education issue of BJOMS is planned for print in autumn 2020. In preparation, several papers have already been submitted and are available to read online. The contributions include papers from the current Trustees, Fellows in Training Representatives, Past Presidents and Council members of BAOMS, fellows in training representatives, past presidents and council members of BAOMS all with contrasting views.

The full spectrum of views covered by the manuscripts submitted thus far include the assessments that:

- the status quo is as good as it can be.
- suggestions for ways of shortening this long career pathway.
- questioning the hitherto gospel concept of dual qualification with recommendation of dropping the requirement for dental graduation.

Concerns raised by esteemed colleagues about the potential divisive consequences of this debate have been noted. The decision to run this special issue was not taken lightly. Printed opinion pieces backed by references should provide the readers of the BJOMS with a broad range of views and recommendations on which to reflect.

**BJOMS** welcomes your contributions to the debate. This can be done by submitting your views as a "Short Communication" or as a "letter to Editor" in response to articles in press.

## Money Saving Tips for Trainees

### BAOMS Junior Trainees Group (JTG)

**Ross Leader**, Chair of the BAOMS Junior Trainees Group  
**Amit Dattani**, Foundation and Core Training Rep  
[Click here for JTG area.](#)

We understand that training in oral and maxillofacial surgery is an expensive career choice. We have set out a few ways to help make financial savings.

## BAOMS Student Membership – free for students

BAOMS membership is free for students in their first or second degree (dentistry and medicine), and is usually £85.00 for qualified trainees. Having membership gives you the BJOMS journal free every month and also gives you access to access to online learning modules, news and forums.

The annual BAOMS conference has reduced rates for members and is free for first and second degree students.  
[Join here.](#)

### Other Associations offering FREE student membership:

#### British Medical Association

First year of membership with the BMA is free.

#### Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Free student membership

### Other low cost student subscriptions:

#### British Dental Association

£2.50/month or £30/year student membership

#### Royal College of Surgeons (England)

£15/year Affiliate (student) member

#### Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)

£10/year Student member

## HMRC Tax Tips for all NHS staff

A very easy to follow free guide on claiming medical expenses by 'Medics Money'.

### [ [DOWNLOAD GUIDE HERE](#) ]

For example: you can claim tax (20%) back on MFDS/ MRCS exams and professional subscriptions such as BAOMS, BMA, BDA, etc. . .

*Note: we do not promote or endorse any third party company. This guide is purely for information purposes so that you can claim tax relief on professional expenses yourself.*

## Free discounts for NHS employees

A few of the thousands of NHS Discounts with Bluelight card  
 NHS Discount FREE App – Blue light card - visit the BAOMS website to see some of the of discounts available or [click here](#).

### FREE Blue Light Card discounts for NHS employees:

[Click here](#) for more information.



Blue Light Card provides those in the NHS, Emergency Services and Armed Forces with discounts both online and in store. The Blue Light Card also allows small and large companies to get involved with offering a discount and encourage companies in local areas to offer discounts to the NHS, Emergency Services and Armed Forces.

Simply download the app, register for free and you can search thousands of companies for discount when buying food, furniture, holidays, car insurance services etc. . . Show your card in store or enter your unique promotional code online when ordering.

## 2020 Fellows in Training Conference

### Update from the Fellows in Training

The 2020 annual Fellows in Training Conference was held in the historic city of Bath from 29 to 31 January.

The majority of the delegates took advantage of a free pre-conference course on 3D planning in orthognathic surgery. The conference was well attended and held at the Apex City of Bath hotel.

A group of inspirational speakers covered a wide range of both clinical and non-clinical topics relevant for the exam. The delegates and speakers also had the chance to socialise after a long day of learning and enjoyed a Greek dinner together.

For more information about the BAOMS Fellows in Training group [click here](#).





## General information

### IF YOU HAVE A NEWS STORY IN THE PIPELINE....

Please let the BAOMS PR team know as far in advance as possible so they can help to plan ahead for good coverage. Kathy Fan heads up PR for BAOMS and works closely with our PR professional Sian Evans. They both want to hear from you so please do be in touch.

For the latest news [click here](#).

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### BAOMS OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID 19 LOCKDOWN

Although the BAOMS Office, which is based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in London, is currently closed, the office team are working from home and can be contacted via the usual email at [office@baoms.org.uk](mailto:office@baoms.org.uk)

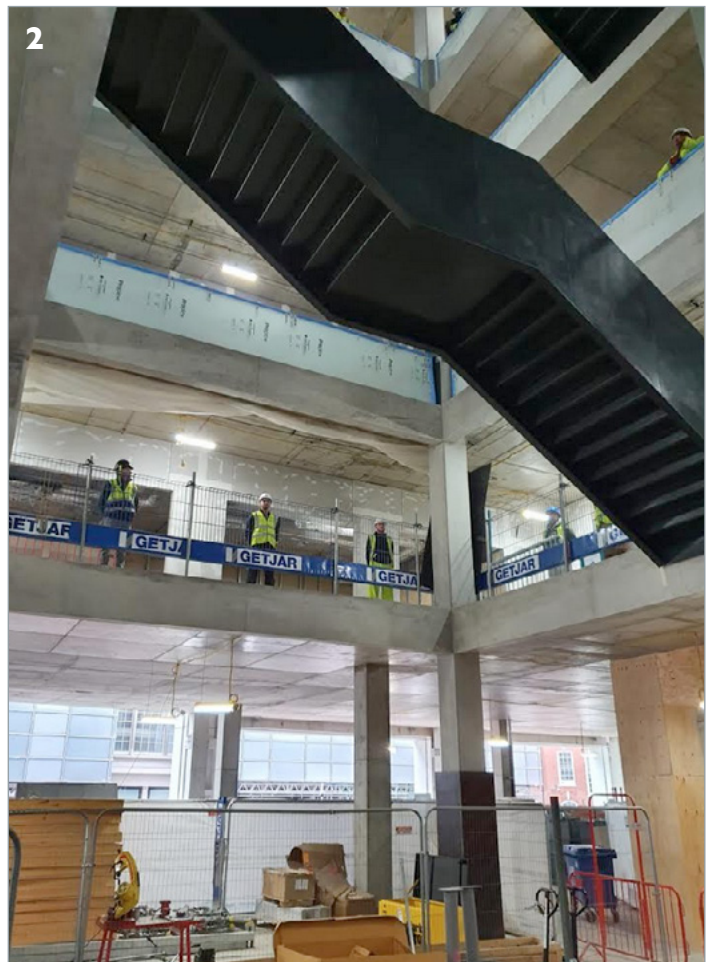
Sarah Durham, Susan Bailey and Dannielle Bellanca send BAOMS members, their department teams and families all good wishes.

### PROGRESS ON THE REBUILDING OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND CONTINUES

#### Latest message from Wates and pictures:

The site remains open and Wates continue their construction activities with a reduced number of operatives. Works continue

to comply with the prevailing COVID-19 guidelines on distancing etc. The project team continues to constantly assess the situation and is working to maintain the project timeline.



1. RCS 2nd floor flooring installation 2. RCS Atrium with stairway 3. RCS of England Library  
 For further information about the 2020 project [click here](#).

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