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The transition to specialist dentistry: a natural and smooth career progression

The challenge of moving from general to specialist dental practice can be a daunting one. However, for Phil Taylor it has just been another step forward in his career development plan with the aid of the team at Devonshire House

Having finished his specialist training in prosthodontics at The Eastman Dental Institute in September 2013, Phil joined the team of specialist dentists at Devonshire House in Cambridge, and has found the transition into specialist dental practice a relatively straightforward experience.

Ongoing induction

When Phil joined Devonshire House last October, he was allocated a mentor who has helped guide him through his first year and gradually introduced him to all aspects of specialist practice, both commercial and clinical. As part of his ongoing induction Phil has benefitted greatly from

observing the established specialists at Devonshire House. This has enabled him to not only consolidate his post-graduate training but also gain new ideas, both clinically and in patient management.

One year on, Phil now works at Devonshire House full-time and very much enjoys working alongside a multi-disciplinary specialist team. He attributes the success of his smooth transition down to a well-organised and gradual introduction to Devonshire House Dental Practice from part-time to full-time over his first year.



Itero scanner

A similar ethos

Phil has found the Devonshire House ethos similar to that of The Eastman Dental Institute, which he feels has enabled him to adapt so quickly. 'Both have a similar way of thinking, are set-up in a similar way, have great facilities and the very latest equipment.'

Also, I am certain that because Devonshire House is such a large, well established practice, with experienced staff and effective clinical and business protocols, this has really helped me to make such an easy move into specialist practice.'

A supportive environment

Throughout his year, Phil has flourished from working in such a supportive environment. By working with a large team of specialists across a number of dental disciplines,

he has appreciated being able to frequently exchange ideas with his endodontic, periodontic and orthodontic colleagues. Furthermore, he appreciates the facility of an onsite laboratory where he can liaise closely with technicians.

One year on, Phil is now a fully-fledged Devonshire House specialist dentist, and participates in the practice's new venture into dental education by confidently delivering study clubs and course lectures. Phil has already formed great relationships with new and existing patients and enjoys working alongside local referring dentists, creating a network and providing specialist dental support across the Cambridge area. ■

Devonshire House dental technician



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