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1. We have now had the Sedation Clinic up and running for nearly a month and the results are extremely encouraging. We have also completed our mailshot of local dentists and doctors to let them know what it is that we can offer. For anyone who comes across this website speculatively but is already happily registered for their dental care with another practice it is worth my emphasising what we have also made clear within the local clinical community – namely that this is a service we are more than happy to provide to patients of other practices on an ad hoc basis and that we are very happy to work closely with your regular clinicians to fit in with a broader treatment plan of which we will supply the sedation component.

2. We are hoping to complete the additional fitting out of surgery 2 to support the sedation clinic immediately after Christmas. The work is being undertaken by Mike Eatly and his team at Foureeze Property Services in Wilstead, the same team who did such a splendid job on the disinfection facility for us earlier this year. Our thanks to them for again ensuring that the work is done outside of scheduled surgery hours and thus avoiding any disruption to clinical procedures.

3. Our Denplan Excel inspection has finally been scheduled for early next year. With everything else that has been underway in the last six months it has sometimes seemed as though we should never manage to fix the date but I am glad to say that it is now firmly in the diary! The big advantage of Denplan is not merely the breadth of the assessment (everything from radiology procedures and cross-infection control to staff management and patient billing procedures) but that, unlike the CQC for example, the assessment is carried out by experienced clinical professionals whose views obviously carry weight.

4. Our Implant Consultant, Dr Fadi Barrack has been busy visiting us in recent weeks to progress a number of complex cases. For those of you who are interested in the possibility of having an implant in the future we have added a new section to the website which describes the procedure in more detail. And remember that the concessionary finance we can offer on this, as with all treatments, from Medenta Finance means that implants really are an affordable option.

5. Finally, and just to show that there's nothing like keeping it in the family, although our son sadly decided to follow Shaun into commercial law rather than follow me into dentistry, his partner Rachel has just announced that her chosen subject for her Cambridge PhD isthe evolution of mammalian teeth (actually quite a hot topic in paleontology circles!). So we shall be having some interesting conversations over the turkey and pudding during the holiday season. I hope that you too will have an enjoyable holiday and will manage to find some respite from all the economic gloom – if, as I saw the other day, even Jeremy Paxman is finding the constant stream of bad news on Newsnight overmuch, perhaps we are all overdue for a little seasonal cheer.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all patients and friends of the practice.

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