

Job search - Dental Hygiene / Dental Therapy

1. Advertised jobs

As well as using general jobsites such as Indeed, Monster and Totaljobs etc, vacancies are advertised on specialist dental sites including:

British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy www.bsdht.org.uk

You will need to be a BSDHT member to access the 'Find a job' section of the website. Membership is free for students for the duration of training.

NHS Jobs (inc. general dental practices, community dental care and hospitals) www.jobs.nhs.uk

British Dental Journal jobs www.bdjjobs.com

www.brownslocumlink.com – dental recruitment agency

www.hygienist.co.uk – includes Jobs in the 'Classifieds' section

www.ukjobsnet.com/dental-hygienist-jobs

www.jobs4medical.co.uk

www.flamehealth.com – recruitment consultancy

www.britishdentaljobs.com – Jobs board

www.indeed.co.uk – use search term 'dental hygienist' and/or 'dental therapist'

Other specialist recruitment agencies

www.agencycentral.co.uk lists specialist recruitment agencies. Instructions for use: In the 'Industry' box select 'Health Care'. In the 'Industry sub-sector' box, select 'Dentistry' and 'I am a job seeker'. You can select a location and choose how you want to order the results. On the next page select Dental hygienist or Dental Therapist in 'Job role'. 15 further agencies are listed.

2. Word of mouth and 'networking'

Make speculative applications to potential employers – find dental practices at www.nhs.uk (listed via "Find local services") and contact them with a CV and covering letter to enquire about possible jobs.

Use word of mouth – keep in touch with any dental professionals you know and ask them to let you know if they hear of forthcoming vacancies.

Social media such as Facebook and Twitter are also useful for making contacts and finding jobs.

Professional associations are also a good way to make contacts in your field. In addition to the British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy, in the UK there is the **British Association of Dental Therapists** www.badt.org.uk. For other countries, the **International Federation of Dental Hygienists** www.ifdh.org has information on working as a Dental Hygienist in 28 member nations.

