News in brief

New appointment

The British Dental Association has welcomed the appointment of Andy Burnham as the Secretary of State for Health. Mr Burnham replaces Alan Johnson, who has accepted the role of Home Secretary.

News & Opinions

Which?

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Dental honours

The British Dental Association’s director of policy and professional services, Linda Walshe, has been awarded an MBE, and Eric Stanfield, formerly a postgraduate dean at the dental school at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, has been awarded an OBE. Both awards were for services to healthcare and were announced in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

Access research

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More emergencies?

The number of people seeking emergency NHS dental treatment has risen in the last year, but ‘these figures should be put into perspective’, says Health Minister Anne Milton.

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