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Dental Beauty was named best London practice at The Dentistry Awards 2016 in Leicester

Practice enjoys brush with success

There was every reason for these dentists to show off their pearls whites after their practice scooped a top honour at an industry awards show. Dental Beauty, based in

Swanley High Street, was named best in the London area at The Dentistry Awards 2016. Last year it was highly commended. The team donned their glad rags and descended on The

Athena in Leicester for the ceremony, which was attended by more than 600 guests and featured stunning stage performances and circus acts to keep people entertained.

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SPECIAL RATES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Brave work during stabbing honoured

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Courageous police officers who attended a double stabbing and fire at a mental health centre have been recognised for their efforts.

Special constables Callum Marsh and Katherine Delaney were among those called to the Bracton Centre on Sunday, July 17, after 30-year-old patient Myha Grant attacked two members of staff and started a blaze.

Francis Barrett and Julius Palomo were seriously injured in the incident and Grant, of Ellison Road, Streatham, south London, has since admitted two counts of wounding with intent and one of arson. He will be sentenced this month.

The special constables have now been honoured with Divisional Commander's Awards for bravery, alongside Acting Inspector Jamie Little, Sergeant Siobhan Rowe, PC Dionne Marlow, and PC Robert Payne.



Katherine Delaney and Callum Marsh received awards

PC Andrew Hill and police dog Frank were also recognised for the courage they displayed, while patrol dispatchers, Holly Tippell and Daniel Love, received awards for their professionalism in the force control room.

Chief Superintendent Tim Smith said: "This was a fast-moving, high pressure situation for everyone involved, all of whom displayed a tremendous amount of bravery and professionalism. They are a credit to the force and I am sure the victims in this

case, their families and everyone else affected are very grateful for their actions that day.

"Kent Police officers are called to difficult and potentially dangerous situations every day and risk their own safety by putting themselves in harm's way to protect the public.

"It is right they receive the recognition they deserve, which is why it is a great honour for me to present these awards and personally thank officers and staff for their service."

Contract extension for top cop

Kent Police Chief Constable Alan Pughley has had his contract extended for a further three years.

The extension, granted by police commissioner Matthew Scott, will see Mr Pughley contracted to the top job until 2022.

He is paid £157,353 a year but also qualifies for an annual 10% increase - worth £15,735 - to cover use of a car and medical insurance.

Mr Pughley was appointed by previous commissioner, Ann Barnes, in 2014, succeeding Ian Learmonth, and signed a five-year contract.

Mr Scott said: "I have spoken with Mr Pughley about the future on many occasions and have total confidence in his ability to deliver against those priorities. That is why I have taken the decision to offer him the maxi-

mum contract extension available to me."

Inspectors from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary recently said Kent had a "well-led force".

Mr Pughley said: "I am very proud of what the force has achieved, which has been delivered by outstanding, brave and utterly professional officers and staff."