

Pole helps with attack on dental waiting lists

POLISH dentist Grzegorz Figiel made a move on reducing NHS dental waiting times in East Devon last week, as he started work at the Seaton Dental Centre.

Mr Figiel, along with Jaroslaw Golonko, another Pole due to start work in Exmouth in the coming weeks, is part of an 18-strong team of dental surgeons recruited from Poland in order to ease the shortage of NHS dentists in the South West.

He has moved from Poland with his wife and 11-year old daughter, and is enjoying living in Devon.

A spokesperson for East Devon Primary Care Trust, the group behind

the recruitment said: "We are delighted to welcome Mr Golonko and Mr Figiel to East Devon - their appointments will help approximately 4,000 people in the district receive much-needed NHS dental treatment."

On his new home, Mr Figiel said: "The landscapes are very beautiful in England and I particularly love the beach at Seaton where I sit and have my lunch when the weather is good."

Mr Figiel's main focus will be on treating those patients who have become de-registered as a result of their dentists retiring. Those eligible for treatment will be contacted by East Devon Primary Care Trust.

◆ Mr Figiel is seen treating one of his new patients in Seaton.

