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14th May 2012

**To: LDC Conference Representatives and Observers  
General Dental Practice Committee Members**

Dear Colleagues

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the [Cutlers' Hall](#), Sheffield on Friday 15th June 2012 for the [61st Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees](#)

I hope this will be both an informative and stimulating conference which will energise you and your LDC to continue to raise their profile and increase their influence over the commissioning of dental services locally, in this period of extreme uncertainty.

Earl Howe has been invited to share with us the Government's vision for the future of dentistry and has confirmed his attendance. We are asking for questions for the Minister to be emailed to [Will Newport](#) at the BDA in **advance of the Conference**. We also ask that questions for the Chief Dental Officer and a representative from [COPDEND](#) also be **sent in advance** to Will, for their session on the lessons learnt from the Foundation Dentists application process last December. We will be hearing from two dental students how this has affected them and their peers.

[Pilots](#) have been underway testing the 3 models of remuneration. The [DoH](#) will update us on progress from their perspective, and we have a presentation from one of the pilot sites, warts and all. The other pilots already under way are of [Local Professional Networks](#). We will hear from the [NHS Commissioning Board](#) how these are progressing, and [early lessons](#) learned. If you are involved locally in a Pilot LPN, I am sure there will be many delegates interested to hear how yours is developing – so please contribute to the panel discussion on this item.

There are some fascinating motions before Conference this year, some contentious, some that look like they may get unanimous support. May I thank those of you who have worked so closely with the agenda committee to refine your motions, remove ambiguities and excess, and improve the debate that this Conference is so famous for.

With these sessions particularly in mind, we have again arranged to have the electronic voting system, but this needs to be set up to reflect delegates' voting entitlements. If you have registered for the conference as a GDPC member but are also an LDC representative, please contact [Denise Kenny](#) on 01633 860400 so that the handset may be configured correctly.

The eve of Conference dinner will also be held at the Cutlers' Hall which is a short walk from the hotels on Thursday 14th June 2012 at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. This year the after dinner speaker will be [Gyles Brandreth](#) who will be well known to many of you from his regular and highly entertaining speeches at previous conferences, from Channel 4's 'Countdown' and 'Just a Minute' on Radio 4. I am sure he will provide us with a most entertaining time, and history suggests there will be a surfeit of suitably deprecating remarks about the Conference Chair.

Dress for the dinner is black tie. If you have not yet booked tickets please call [Denise Kenny](#) on 01633 860400. Please note that we are sending out dinner tickets by email in advance this year - so please print them out and bring them with you on the evening as it will greatly assist the organisers. If you have not yet made accommodation arrangements, you may wish to contact Fresh Reservations, the appointed agents, on 0845 310 3333.

We are sponsored this year by an impressive array of companies, with [The Dental Directory](#) having kindly agreed to be our Gold sponsor; I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for their support in these tight financial times.

**Although we are emailing all the Conference papers to pre-registered delegates this year, they will also be on the LDC Conference website at [www.ldcuk.org](http://www.ldcuk.org) and a paper copy is available on the day at the Cutlers' Hall. Any relevant updates will also be available on the site along with a report of the Conference after the event. The 2011 Conference report has already been posted out this year and, it can be downloaded from the above website. If you would like a hard copy for your LDC please contact [Denise Kenny](#). We aim to have the report of Conference 2012 ready within 8 weeks.**

Your Conference Agenda Committee, Past Chairman Mick Armstrong, Chair-Elect Richard Elvin, Treasurer Tim Harker, Tony Jacobs, Jane Ainsworth and Roy McBurnie elected from the floor of Conference, John Milne from GDPC, along with the professionals, Katherine Fort, Denise Kenny, Andrew Bowers, Steve Van Russell and Will Newport, have greatly assisted me in creating an exciting Conference agenda, securing the venue and hotels, the new [booking website](#), the wine, speakers, AV and the menu – may I thank you all publicly for your time, humour, wisdom and wit, on behalf of the Conference delegates. I hope that you have all found the online booking process smooth, and would appreciate any feedback on this, and other aspects of the Conference, so that it may continue to improve.

Although the [Conference venue](#) and hotels are close to each other, if you are coming by car it is not the easiest to park and walk – there are some fantastic websites that can assist, and I would commend to you [Google maps](#), and their '[streetview](#)' facility to assist in planning your journey, and seeing in advance, where you will be walking. I hope that many of you will continue my 'electronic conference' theme, and bring all of the papers on netbooks, laptops, iPads and other tablets, and see if this style of working assists the smooth running of Conference. Enjoy the embedded links!

Finally, this year the Conference is eligible for three hours of [verifiable CPD](#) – certificates will be handed out at the end of the Conference in return for your completed evaluation forms.

I look forward to meeting you in Sheffield.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lafferty". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

[Jim Lafferty](#)

Chairman 2012

Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees



12.45	7.	Report of the Honorary Treasurer to the Conference and Accounts for the year to 31 October 2011
		Elections
	i.	Chair Elect for Conference 2013/2014 with nominations taken from the floor (two minutes will be offered to candidates to make an election address to Conference prior to the vote)
	ii.	Honorary Treasurer of Conference with nominations taken from the floor
	iii.	Two Honorary Auditors to the Conference with nominations taken from the floor
	iv.	One Representative to the Conference Agenda Committee (who is not a member of GDPC at the time of election) with nominations taken from the floor
	v.	One representative to the GDPC with nominations previously submitted
	vi.	One Representative to the Board of Managers of the British Dental Guild with nominations taken from the floor
13.00		<b>Lunch</b>
14.00	8.	Report of the British Dental Guild ( <i>Howard Jones</i> )  Presentation by the Dentists' Health Support Trust ( <i>Brian Westbury</i> )  Presentation by the BDA Benevolent Fund ( <i>Bill Nichols</i> )
14.15	9.	General Dental Practice Committee (GDPC)  John Milne, GDPC Chair
14.40	10.	<b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>
15.10	11.	NHS Commissioning Board – the operating model for commissioning primary care dentistry  Helen Parkin and John Morris, NHS Commissioning Board development team, Department of Health
16.00	12.	Conference motions
16.25	13.	Induction of new Chair 2012/2013 and address to Conference
16.30	14.	<b>Closing remarks from Chair of Conference</b>



## **61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES 15 JUNE 2012**

### **Questions selected in advance**

#### **1. Ministerial address to Conference**

The Conference will receive an address from Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health, Lord Howe. As part of his responsibility for health, Lord Howe holds the Department of Health portfolio for dentistry and will be addressing the Conference for the first time in the current Parliament.

Conference delegates are invited to submit questions for the Minister in advance of 31 May 2012.

A few minutes for questions will be allocated for pre-selected questions. The Conference Committee will select the questions based on whether the question is a popular one and is therefore being asked by a large number of individuals and whether the question is attempting to elicit further useful and relevant information on the issue.

If you would like to submit a question please email Will Newport [[w.newport@bda.org](mailto:w.newport@bda.org)] at the BDA with your full name, LDC name and your question of no more than 50 words.

#### **2. Foundation training (FT) for graduate dentists – panel presentation**

The Conference will receive brief presentations from:

- Current dental students on their experiences
- Barry Cockcroft, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health
- Chris Franklin, Chair, Council of Post-graduate Dental Deaneries
- Kevin O'Brien, Chair, General Dental Council
- Judith Husband, Chair, British Dental Association Education Committee

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## Standing Orders of Annual Conference LDCs

### **1. Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees**

The LDC Conference Agenda Committee shall convene each year a Conference of Representatives of Local Dental Committees.

### **2. Special Conference of Local Dental Committees**

A Special Conference of Local Dental Committees may be convened at any time by the Conference Agenda Committee and shall be convened not later than one month after the requisition of not less than 20 Local Dental Committees, the period of one month being modified only by agreement of a majority of the Committees making the requisition. All the expenses of a Special Conference convened on requisition shall be defrayed out of the Conference Fund.

### **3. Members of Conference**

The Annual Conference and Special Conference shall be composed of representatives of Local Dental Committees and of the members of the General Dental Practice Committee.

### **4. Appointment of Representatives**

- a. Each Local Dental Committee in England, Wales and Northern Ireland shall be entitled to appoint one representative for each 150 practitioners or part thereof on the list of the Primary Care Organisation for the area on September 30 immediately preceding the Annual Conference.
- b. Scotland shall be entitled to appoint a maximum of five representatives of Scottish Local Dental Committees elected by the Scottish Conference of Local Dental Committees.
- c. Every representative shall at the time of [Conference appointment](#) be a member of the appointing Local Dental Committee.
- d. A Local Dental Committee entitled to appoint only one representative may also appoint one observer to attend the Conference, such an observer having no power to vote, and whose attendance at the Conference shall be at the expense of the appointing Local Dental Committee.

### **5. Proposal of Motions to an Annual Conference**

- a. Motions for the Conference Agenda may be proposed by any Local Dental Committee or by the General Dental Practice Committee provided that neither



the General Dental Practice Committee nor any Local Dental Committee may not normally propose more than two motions.

- b. No motion shall normally be included in the Agenda unless notice thereof is received in writing by the Conference Agenda Committee Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the Conference.
- c. Motions thus received shall be circulated to all Local Dental Committees not less than four weeks before the Conference.
- d. Motions of an urgent nature may be admitted for debate at the discretion of the Chairman, notwithstanding that notice was not given as specified above.

## **6. Procedure as to Seconding Motions and Amendments**

No seconder shall be required for any circulated motion or amendment proposed to the Conference by the General Dental Practice Committee or by a Local Dental Committee, but seconders shall be required for all other propositions.

## **7. Conference Agenda Committee**

- a. The Agenda Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Chairman-Elect and Immediate Past Chairman of the Annual Conference, the Honorary Treasurer, the Chairman of the General Dental Practice Committee, and three Local Dental Committee representative members of Conference who shall not be a member of the GDPC at the time of election. The Committee shall be chaired by the Conference Chairman.
- b. The duty of the Agenda Committee shall be to settle the Order of the Agenda for the Annual or any Special Conference, to make recommendations to the Conference as to the conduct of the business and Conference arrangements generally, to ensure that Conference resolutions are considered expeditiously and appropriately by the GDPC or other appropriate bodies, and to report to the next Annual Conference.
- c. The Agenda Committee shall have the power to invite to Conference special observers, where the Agenda Committee judge the attendance of such observers likely to assist Conference in its work. Special observers shall be able to speak but shall not be able to vote.

## **8. Composition of Agenda**

- a. Motions shall so far as possible be arranged into blocks according to their general subject.
- b. The Agenda Committee shall have power to direct that any two or more motions shall be debated together while being voted on individually, or, where they reiterate existing policy collectively. Motions grouped in this way shall be indicated on the Agenda.
- c. The Agenda Committee shall have power to direct that a single motion shall be included in the Agenda in substitution for any two or more motions proposed by Local Dental Committees, the substitute motion being indicated on the Agenda together with the motions which it replaces.
- d. The Agenda Committee may indicate with a 'P' (for 'Policy") motions which, in the opinion of the Agenda Committee, represent a reaffirmation of existing Conference policy. The Chairman of Conference shall have power to put such motions indicated to the Conference without debate.
- e. A motion included in the Conference Agenda shall be withdrawn only with the consent of Conference.

## 9. Rules of Debate

- a. A member of the meeting shall stand when speaking and shall address the Chair unless prevented by physical infirmity.
- b. Every member shall be seated except the one who may be addressing the meeting, and when the Chairman rises no one shall continue to stand, nor shall anyone else rise until the Chair is resumed, and the Chairman shall be deemed to have risen when speaking to the Conference.
- c. A member shall not address the meeting more than once on any motion or any amendment, but the mover of the resolution or amendment may reply and in his reply shall confine himself strictly to the answering of previous speakers and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate.
- d. Subject to the right of Conference by resolution to vary the time allowed to speakers, no speech whether in moving a resolution or otherwise, shall exceed three minutes in length, provided that no speech shall exceed 1 minute where the speaker is exercising his right of reply to amendment.
- e. Where motions have been grouped for debate together, under Standing Order 8b, no amendment to an individual motion shall be considered until the general debate has been concluded and the motion is to be put to the vote.
- f. If Conference decides to restrict the time available for discussion of motions, then the proposer of any motion must be given the opportunity to: (a) present the motion subject to that time constraint, or (b) withdraw the motion, or (c) agree that the motion be referred to the GDPC for consideration without debate or vote.
- g. The Chairman shall have power to curtail debate and move on to the next business provided that the mover of any motion or amendment so curtailed shall have the right to reply before a vote is taken.
- h. A proposal 'that the meeting proceed to the next business' or 'that the question be now put' shall require a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

## 10. Amendments

An amendment shall be: to leave out words; to leave out words and insert or add others (provided that a substantial part of the motion remains and the original intention of the motion is not enlarged or substantially altered); to insert words; or be in such form as shall be approved by the Chairman.

- a. No amendment to any motion shall be considered by Conference unless notice thereof is received in writing by the Secretary of the LDC Agenda Committee not less than five days before the date of the Conference, except that amendments to correct drafting errors or ambiguities shall be accepted without notice.
- b. No urgent amendment from the floor shall be considered until a copy of the same with the name of the proposer and seconder has been handed in writing to the Chairman.
- c. Subject to the above conditions of reply, where an amendment has been received by Conference the mover of the motion to be amended shall have the right to reply to the proposed amendment.
- d. Whenever an amendment to an original motion has been moved and seconded no subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of, but notice of any number of amendments may be given to the Chairman.

- e. If an amendment be carried the motion as amended shall take the place of the original motion and shall become the substantive motion upon which any further amendment may be moved.

## **11. Voting**

- a. Save as provided in Standing Order 13(c) only representatives of Local Dental Committees shall be entitled to vote.
- b. The voting rights of ~~each country's~~ Scottish representatives shall be restricted to issues relating to their country and the United Kingdom as a whole.
- c. Voting shall be by show of hands, or by electronic means, unless a formal division is requested and seconded. Where a request for a formal division has been made the request shall be put to the vote immediately and without debate and decided by a show of hands.
- d. Where a formal division is agreed, the names and votes of members present shall be taken and recorded, votes and abstentions being reported in the minutes of the Conference according to LDC rather than to individual members.
- e. Where the number of votes cast is equal, the Chairman of Conference has the right to a casting vote.

## **12. Motions not debated**

The proposers of motions which have not been debated by the close of the Conference shall be invited to submit explanatory memoranda in support of their motions, which with the motions to which they relate shall stand referred to the GDPC for consideration.

## **13. Election of Chairman**

- a. At each Annual Conference a Chairman-Elect shall be chosen to hold office as Chairman-Elect from the end of the Conference at which he is chosen to the end of the following Annual Conference, and then to become Chairman of the Conference until the end of the next following Annual Conference.
- b. Nominations for Chairman-Elect shall be made from the floor of the Conference.
- c. All members of the Conference shall be entitled to vote.
- d. Should the Chairman or Chairman-Elect demit Office for any reason before completing a full term, the Agenda Committee shall have the discretion to appoint a deputy until the following Annual or Special Conference, whichever is sooner.

## **14. Election of Conference Representative**

At each Annual Conference one person shall be elected to the Conference Agenda Committee to hold office from the end of the Conference at which he is elected for a period of three years. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

## **15. Election of Members of General Dental Practice Committee**

- a. At each Annual Conference one person shall be elected to the General Dental Practice Committee to hold office from the end of the Conference at which he is elected to the end of the third following Annual Conference.

- b. If any person so elected shall die or retire or otherwise cease to represent the Conference on the General Dental Practice Committee before the expiration of his term of office the vacancy thereby created may be filled by election at the next following Annual Conference and the person then elected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person he succeeds.
- c. Nominations for election shall be made by Local Dental Committees and shall be sent to the Secretary of the LDC Agenda Committee in writing so as to reach him not later than six weeks before the Conference.

## **16. Election of Managers of British Dental Guild**

At each Annual Conference a representative shall be elected to serve upon the Board of Managers of the British Dental Guild.

## **17. Returning Officer**

The Chief Executive of the British Dental Association, or, in his absence, one of his deputies, shall act as Returning Officer in connection with all elections.

## **18. Honorary Treasurer**

- a. At each Annual Conference an Honorary Treasurer shall be elected and he shall hold office until the end of the next succeeding Annual Conference.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive monies forming the Conference Fund and to hold and disburse such monies in accordance with the instructions of the Annual Conference. He shall prepare and submit such Accounts as the Conference shall require.

## **19. Honorary Auditors**

At each Annual Conference two Honorary Auditors shall be elected. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Auditors to examine and report upon the accounts submitted by the Honorary Treasurer to the Annual Conference next following their appointment.

## **20. Finance**

- a. All Local Dental Committees entitled to be represented at the Conference shall contribute to a Conference Fund, at rates to be proposed from time to time by the Conference Treasurer and with the approval of Conference, with each Local Dental Committee's contribution being in proportion to the number of practitioners on the list of the Primary Care Organisation for the area on September 30th immediately preceding the Conference.
- b. The Conference Fund shall be used to defray the travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by Local Dental Committee representatives in attending the Conference, at such rates and subject to such conditions as shall be decided by the Conference.
- c. If the appropriate contribution to the Conference Fund from an LDC remains outstanding by 30th November following the Conference, then at the Honorary Treasurer's discretion, the LDC delegate(s) expenses from that LDC may not be reimbursed.

- d. The travel and subsistence expenses of Scottish Representatives shall be a matter for the Scottish Conference.
- e. The Conference Fund shall be used to cover other expenditures properly incurred in connection with the Conference, as Conference may decide.
- f. All the expenses of a Special Conference convened on requisition shall be defrayed out of the Conference Fund.

## **21. Suspension of Standing Orders**

- a. Any one or more of the Standing Orders or parts thereof may be suspended by the meeting provided that three-fourths of those present and voting shall so decide.
- b. Except where otherwise stated, the Standing Orders shall remain in force at the conclusion of an Annual Conference and will apply to any Special Conference of Local Dental Committees as may be convened.
- c. No motion to amend the Standing Orders from a Local Dental Committee shall be in order unless received in writing by the Secretary of the Conference Agenda Committee not less than six weeks before the date of the Annual Conference and circulated to all Local Dental Committees not less than four weeks before the Conference.

## **22. Quorum**

No business shall be transacted by a Conference unless there be present at least one-third of the number of representatives appointed to attend such a meeting.

## **23. Definition**

The expression 'Local Dental Committee(s)' in these Standing Orders shall, in relation to Scotland, mean General Practitioner Sub-Committee(s) of Area Dental Committee(s).

## **24. Chairman's discretion**

Any question arising in relation to the Conduct of the Conference which is not dealt with in these standing orders shall be determined by the Chairman at his absolute discretion.

## **25. Press**

Representatives of the dental press shall be admitted to the Conference only on the understanding that they will not report any matters which the Conference decides should be regarded as private. The attendance of members of the Press is at the discretion of the Chairman.

## **26. Distribution of papers and announcements**

In the Conference or in the precincts thereof, no papers or literature shall be distributed or announcements made or notices displayed except with the approval of the Chairman.

## **27. Conference Records**

A recording shall be taken of the proceedings of the Conference and the Chairman shall be empowered to approve and confirm such a recording or any excerpt thereof.



## GDPC responses to 2011 LDC Conference Motions

### Contracts

#### 1. Barnet LDC

This Conference recognises that the current contract, including UDAs, is fundamentally flawed. This Conference further notes the Government's recognition of the failings of the current dental contract and its intention to reform the contractual arrangements for NHS dentistry in England, but that this will not happen before 2014 or 2015, depending on the pilots and transition period.

Conference therefore calls upon the Government to scrap the UDA immediately and return to the old PDS system prior to the introduction of a properly piloted new contract.

- ❖ GDPC agrees that the current UDA system is flawed and supports the full piloting of a reformed contract that has been developed with input from the profession. GDPC recognises and supports the concerns of the profession over the potential damage to contract values/terms that changing the contract type could cause.

#### 2. North Yorkshire LDC

This Conference welcomes the new Government's recognition of the failings of the UDA-based contract and the overdue need for reform. Conference notes that the current pilots are exploring capitation-based contractual systems.

Conference further notes the wide variation in UDA values across England and that the variation does not necessarily reflect patient needs.

In order to prevent irreversible damage to practices and a subsequent reduction in the provision of NHS dental services, particularly in areas of high need, Conference insists that the DH ensures that no practice suffers a reduction in its current contract value as a result of the transition to a new contractual arrangement.

- ❖ GDPC has, and will continue to, demand that no practice or patient population suffers from the rectification of the previous flawed contract. GDPC Remuneration Sub-Committee is currently looking at this issue and assessing a suitable capitation level and acceptable transitional arrangements, including a minimum contract guarantee.

Plans are in place to assess the impact of capitation levels on practices.

### **3. Norfolk**

This Conference notes the requirement for digital charting of tooth-surface level data within the oral healthcare pathways set out in the pilot contracts currently operating in England. It also notes the necessity to record and report on patient cohort characteristics under the pilot agreements.

This Conference further notes the new online portal, currently being rolled-out by NHS Dental Services and which provides a web-based account for providers and performers to monitor their contractual performance and pay electronically, is further evidence of the move to digitise and computerise NHS dentistry and NHS dental practices.

Conference therefore demands that all hardware, software and internet connection costs which become technical pre-requisites for practices providing dental services under a new contractual system, must be met by the NHS “with additional funding”

- ❖ GDPC fully supports the remuneration of all computerisation expenses incurred by decisions made by government and argues for this in its annual submission to the Doctors’ and Dentists’ Review Body (DDRB). GDPC will make it clear to the Department of Health that the profession finds unacceptable the increasing costs of compliance with inconsistent financial support.

### **4. Birmingham**

This Conference demands GDPC ensure that, following the piloting of new contracts, advanced mandatory services are clearly defined clinically and are unambiguous to general dental practitioners when providing NHS dental treatments.

- ❖ GDPC supports the clarification of advanced services and of the NHS offer in general and will demand that the Department of Health takes full responsibility for making it clear to patients and practitioners what can be expected from NHS care and that this is supported by a robust evidence base.

The need to clarify advanced care and patient charges was made clear to DH on 15 February.

### **5. Birmingham**

This Conference notes the existing problems with the current dental contract.

Conference therefore demands that GDPC ensures any new contract makes provision for the development of associate dentists, and has systems in place so that they are not exploited by the contract and that any tendering exercise for new contracts does not preclude anyone who has yet to run their own practice.

- ❖ If the new contract does not ensure that there is fairness to associates it cannot be regarded as an improvement to the current system. GDPC supports, therefore, the motion calling for fairness to associates including non-exclusion in the tendering process to be built into the payment structure of the new contract. GDPC will work on producing guidance for payment structures to associates under a capitation contract.



The BDA has developed new associate agreements for the pilots and is monitoring their appropriateness in the pilots.

## **6. Birmingham**

This Conference insists that GDPC demand any new contract will have provision for adequate additional capital investment that may be required to abide with any future new regulation and will not be hampered by fixed contract values that take no account of such changes.

- ❖ GDPC absolutely supports the call for adequate support for capital investment to meet future regulatory requirements. It will ensure that this is taken into account when the details of any future new contract are negotiated.

## **7. Birmingham**

This Conference demands GDPC insist on independent evaluation of new contract pilots after an appropriate term of piloting.

- ❖ GDPC understands that the pilots will be evaluated during the piloting phase and has pressed for independent evaluation. In spite of raising the issue constantly, we have not received any confirmation that this will be the case. The timeframe is short and we have made clear to DH our concern that it will not provide robust information on which to make sound decisions for the future. There is no doubt that this is a serious potential flaw. In the interests of moving from the current loathed UDA system, however, GDPC considers it preferable to watch the pilots carefully and assess their progress before taking a stand that might prove damaging. We will be keeping in close touch with the pilots and seek information regularly from them to understand their experience.

GDPC authorised the Executive to establish a shadow evaluation group to look at the experience of pilot practices.

## **8. Birmingham**

This Conference demands GDPC insist on a ballot of all performers of NHS contracts before any new contract is implemented by the Department of Health.

- ❖ Any new contract must have the support of NHS general dental practitioners. GDPC is committed to agreeing to change only with the support of the profession and will hold a full ballot of NHS performers on the proposed new contract as soon as the proposals are clear.

# **REGULATION**

## **9. North Yorkshire**

This conference believes that disproportionate regulation now interferes with what has been the traditional professional relationship between dentist and patient.

GDC stated values allege that:

- regulation is proportionate, targeted, consistent, transparent and accountable
- resources are managed effectively, efficiently and sustainably

And CQC priorities are that they will:

- regulate effectively, in partnership
- be sensitive to the requirements that we put on those we regulate.

This conference calls for these and the other regulatory authorities to start to apply some proportionality to their decisions and cease to pay mere lip service to their stated aims.

- ❖ GDPC supports Conference's demands that regulation is proportionate, targeted, consistent, transparent and accountable. GDPC will continue to demand that these principles are in evidence in all activities of any regulator of any aspect of dentistry. These views have been made clear to CQC and to the Government on many occasions. GDPC is seeking to work with CQC to create a specific dental practice inspection protocol.

GDPC has responded to Monitor recommending the exclusion of dentistry from their regulatory remit. The BDA also made the problems caused by onerous regulation clear in its response to the Office of Fair Trade's inquiry into the dental market.

## 10. North Yorkshire

This Conference calls for the patient charges regulations to be amended so that dentists can use high quality non-precious metal alloy (NPMA) for the manufacture of in-lays and on-lays without fear of a GDC referral for use of a regulatory inappropriate material, where it is clinically appropriate.

- ❖ GDPC supports the use of clinically appropriate materials, as patient benefit must take precedence over regulatory procedure. This matter is under active review at the time of writing with the GDPC Executive Sub-Committee and the BDA's Health and Science Committee to try to reach a resolution of the problem. We will report on progress at a later date.

This issue was raised with DH on 07 February. The Chair has written to the CDO requesting clarification on the issue and the CDO has indicated that his response should be sent to all dentists and PCTs to remove any ambiguity.

## 11. Birmingham

This Conference demands GDPC negotiate with CQC a standardised practice inspection protocol and for CQC to share this protocol with providers prior to practice inspections.

- ❖ GDPC will be working with CQC to create relevant and targeted inspection protocols that are clear to inspectors and dentists and will seek to ensure that it will be made public. GDPC believes that the purpose of inspections must be to support practices to deliver the highest levels of patient care and not to trap dentists in administrative loopholes that do not contribute to patient care.

## 12. Salford LDC

This Conference notes the confusion around the use of the title Doctor by dental practitioners and the absence of a definitive decision by the GDC.

This Conference believes that changes like this not only confuse the general public needlessly but also cause confusion within the dental community, since many dentists qualifying in Europe obtain doctorates in dentistry and use the title 'Doctor'.

This Conference therefore demands that the title 'Doctor' be retained by UK dentists, in order that patients are not misled about a sudden change in our apparent professional status and that we continue to use the title in line with our European colleagues.

- ❖ GDPC supports the use of the title "doctor" by dentists and the BDA has made appropriate strong representations to GDC on this matter. It will continue to lobby for the status quo.

## 13. Cumbria

This Conference believes the restrictive transfer clauses within NHS dental contracts (sole trader contracts) to be unfair as such clauses prevent practitioners from realising the goodwill from the sale of their practices.

This Conference therefore insists that practice owners should be allowed to sell or change ownership arrangements of practices, without the imposition of "control clauses" and interference from the NHS.

This Conference calls for the GDPC to negotiate with the Department of Health the removal of such clauses from future dental contracts.

- ❖ GDPC agrees that PCTs should not be able to prevent the transfer of contracts when practices are sold and has made repeated representations to the Department of Health to this effect. These are continuing and we shall raise the issue in the Office of Fair Trading dental market review.

GDPC made it clear to DH on 07 and 15 February that this was one of the key issues that they expected to be addressed before the new contract was established. They also made it clear that they expected the NHS Commissioning Board to bring standardisation to this issue.

## 14. Birmingham

This Conference demands GDPC negotiate with the Department of Health changes to the regulations which prevent PCTs or their successors terminating contracts of providers that have mitigating circumstances for the late payment of GDC registration fees.

- ❖ GDPC agrees that the GDC's processes for annual retention fee payments should make appropriate allowances for circumstances where practitioners have been prevented from meeting the payment deadline for legitimate reasons. The BDA has made representations to GDC on this in the past and is meeting with the GDC later this year to discuss this further. GDPC will make it clear that PCTs and their successor

bodies should not act disproportionately by terminating contracts for those who had late payments of GDC registration fees.

The Chair and other members of GDPC Executive have met with GDC twice to discuss this. GDC has accepted that some alterations to their approach may be required and have agreed to take forward the proposal to extend the payment period to their council.

## REGULATORY COSTS

### 15. Devon

This Conference supports dental nurse registration and training but deplores the additional burden placed on trainee dental nurses by the GDC, when taking the national certificate. This Conference notes that this burden was imposed without any consultation or funding to support it.

The Conference therefore demands that the GDC postpones enforcement of these changes to allow for a proper consultation with the profession.

- ❖ The proposed changes are unnecessarily bureaucratic and disruptive. GDPC fully supports the postponement of the changes and is pursuing this with the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses. The BDA has already met with the GDC to discuss this issue and is considering further action.

### 16. Cumbria

This Conference notes that the introduction of new regulations such as HTM 01 05 and CQC are bringing practice morale to an all-time low. Conference further notes that, with NHS practices on fixed budgets, any regulatory change must be cost-neutral, or practice owners will suffer real financial hardship which will ultimately damage their ability to provide dental services to the public.

Conference therefore demands that additional funding is urgently provided directly to practices, to cover the real and considerable costs associated with various regulatory changes to dental practice.

### 17. North Tyne

This Conference notes the position of NHS dental practices as small and efficient NHS organisations. Conference further notes that as providers of NHS services, all costs associated with complying with the regulatory framework around dentistry should be met by the NHS, in order to allow practices to focus on investing on the quality of their service for patients.

This Conference therefore insists that all annual CQC registration fees for NHS dental practices must be directly reimbursed in full by the NHS.

- ❖ GDPC supports the full remuneration of all additional costs to dental practices from the NHS budget and argues for this in its annual submissions to the DDRB and the health departments. It will continue to argue for consistency across the country to reduce

inequalities that have been created by variances in local commissioning. We will make these concerns clear to commissioners who are involved in the creation of the new NHS structures.

## **18. Wakefield**

This Conference believes that it is not appropriate to ask practitioners to bear the cost of increasing expenses through "efficiency savings".

Increasing expenses should be reimbursed fully by DDRB awards.

- ❖ GDPC will continue to oppose the requirement for "efficiency savings" as we believe that practices already run at maximum efficiency and submit evidence annually seeking that contract value and pay awards reimburse fully increasing practice expenses. Anything else constitutes a pay cut and we will make this clear to government.
- ❖ GDPC made this clear in the evidence submission to the Department of Health and in discussions in November and February.

## **INFORMATION FROM PCTs**

### **19. Milton Keynes**

This Conference notes the Government's recent renewed emphasis on better information sharing across the NHS. In addition to providing better information to patients, the Conference believes that there is considerable value in providing more comprehensive information and NHS reporting to both LDCs and individual providers to inform their performance management.

This Conference therefore calls for PCTs to openly share information with providers. The information made available to LDCs and individual practices should include, but not be limited to:

- PCT meetings and minutes
  - the local primary care dental budget
  - patient referrals to specialists
  - prescribing profiles
  - patient complaints
- ❖ GDPC supports absolute clarity and information sharing from PCTs and their successor bodies and will seek standard protocols for easily accessible and relevant information.

## **LDC OFFICIALS' DAY**

### **20. Gwent**

This Conference notes that the expenses for the BDA Officials Day (formerly known as the LDC Secretaries Day) are shared by the BDA and Conference with Conference being responsible for the reimbursement of the travel and accommodation expenses of one delegate per LDC. The 'one delegate rule' is a relic from the Secretaries Day when only one delegate per LDC was invited.

This Conference recognises that as more than one official from each LDC is entitled to attend these meetings, there is no need to restrict the expenses paid from Conference funds as before.

This Conference directs the Agenda Committee to reimburse the travel and accommodation expenses of all LDC delegates attending the BDA Officials Day.

❖ This is a matter for the Agenda Committee.

## DENTAL EDUCATION

### 22. Glasgow

This Conference demands that registered dental nurses employed in NHS dental practices, be included in the NHS superannuation scheme.

❖ GDPC fully supports the inclusion of dental nurses employed in dental practices with NHS contracts being included in the NHS superannuation scheme and has made repeated representations to the health departments over the years. We will raise it once again with the Department of Health. The present reform of public sector pensions in England makes a positive outcome unlikely, however.

## NHS REFORM AND THE ROLE FOR LDCs

### 23. Birmingham

This Conference notes the expert local knowledge of dental services that LDCs are in possession of. Conference further notes that PCTs are in the process of being abolished.

Conference therefore demands that the NHS Commissioning Board consults with LDCs in any regional structure that is developed, or directly if no such structure is present, to ensure that the best local knowledge is available to commissioners and those with responsibility for commissioning decisions.

### 24. East Midlands

This conference notes that the Health & Social Care Bill requires healthcare organisations to consult "appropriate" healthcare professionals. Conference believes, as the democratically elected representatives of the profession, Local Dental Committees must be consulted and calls on the government to introduce a statutory requirement for LDCs to be recognised and consulted by healthcare bodies, in respect of dental issues.

## **25. Birmingham**

This Conference notes that the NHS Commissioning Board will be reliant on good local dental advice in the absence of PCTs.

Conference therefore insists that anyone offering advice to the NHS Commissioning Board should have no conflict of interest and, in the event of the NHS Commissioning Board having a regional structure, any dental advisers should be acceptable to the dentists within the locality and have no local conflict of interest that might undermine their ability to act and advise in an impartial manner.

## **26. Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

This Conference deplores any governmental/DH interpretation of the recent White Paper that challenges the accepted statutory representative role of local dental committees.

This Conference recognises that LDCs are the only 'in statute' funded grass roots voice of salaried and general dental practitioners that provide a comprehensive support and advisory service to their constituents and primary care organisations. Furthermore it is recognised that LDCs are of fundamental importance in the provision of supporting funding streams for the national representation and health support of dentists through the British Dental Guild and other dentist support organisations and charities.

This Conference therefore, urgently calls for the Department of Health to immediately re-affirm the role for LDCs within the future commissioning of dental services.

## **27. Birmingham**

This Conference deplores the perennial frustrations that some LDCs encounter in relation to the collection and payment of the statutory LDC levy by PCTs. Conference notes the opportunity to resolve such anomalies that presents itself at the introduction of the NHS Commissioning Board.

Conference therefore demands GDPC negotiate fair collection of statutory LDC levy by the NHS Commissioning Board.

- ❖ GDPC fully supports LDCs as important repositories of expert local knowledge and is arguing strongly for a clear role for them in the reformed NHS structure. GDPC considers that any local arm of the NHS Commissioning Board must take account of the LDC and that Health and Wellbeing Boards in local authorities must make proper use of the local and expert knowledge LDCs can provide. GDPC has already sought central funding for LDCs via the NHS Commissioning Board to enable them to fulfil their local functions without geographical discrepancies.
- ❖ This point has been taken to the Task and Finish Group of the Department of Health which was looking at the structural reforms to the NHS and how the new structures would relate to each other.
- ❖ GDPC is aware of the concern that conflict of interest should not taint the advice given to the NHS Commissioning Board and has made this point to the Department of Health

in England. The matter is being taken into account in discussions about the development of Local Professional Networks.

## Additional motions


### 28. Birmingham

That conference requests that where necessary action is required by the GDPC to act on a motion carried, a detailed written response including relevant dates, meetings, agendas and outcomes are provided for the following conference.

That conference should also be allowed to discuss the GDPC responses.

- ❖ LDC Conference motions will be a standing item on the GDPC and Executive agendas and GDPC will ensure that where appropriate up-to-date responses are provided close to the following Annual Conference because some issues take time to pursue. We will report back on significant progress in GDPC's newsletter, *Bitesize*. We will also reinstate the practice of communicating directly to individual LDCs. The GDPC Chair will be pleased to discuss the responses with the Conference but this is a matter for the Agenda Committee.





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**Motions for Debate**

**Incorporation**

**Nick Rodick (Derby)**

This conference demands that PCTs allow providers to incorporate without contractual penalty.

**PCT budgets**

**Rajesh Handa (Birmingham)**

This Conference believes that the bullying tactics of PCT Clusters in their attempt to achieve their efficiency targets should be vigorously resisted by GDPC.

**Occupational Health services**

**Peter Tatton (Hertfordshire)**

This conference demands that the GDPC ensures there is a comprehensive occupational health and safety service for all GPs and their staff.

**Foundation Training and dental workforce planning**

**Malcolm Prideaux (Devon)**

This conference believes that trainers have a right to be involved in the selection of their Foundation Dentist.

Conference, therefore, demands that trainers are involved in selecting Foundation Dentists for their own practices.

**Judith Husband (Oxfordshire)**

This Conference demands that the Department of Health fully funds Foundation Training for all UK graduates qualifying, regardless of the number of EU graduates applying each year.

**Malcolm Prideaux (Devon)**

This Conference demands that COPDEND consult with GDPC prior to any future modifications of the Foundation Dentist appointment system, and acts upon constructive advice to improve the system for both Foundation Dentists and Trainers.

**Jason Stokes (Norfolk)**

This conference demands the publication of a strategy to support dynamic & transparent dental workforce planning for the future.

**Philip Davenport (Birmingham)**

This Conference believes that the current contract pilots, if adopted as currently modelled, pose a real risk to the future of a large number of associates and as such demand GDPC ensure these colleagues are not sold down the line.

**Seniority pay****Malcolm Prideaux (Devon)**

This conference deplores the sudden withdrawal of seniority pay and demands reinstatement or an urgent replacement scheme or compensation for those who have contributed, backdated where necessary.

**David Cottam (Birmingham)**

This Conference believes that based on the removal of Seniority Pay and enforced pay cuts that the Department of Health cannot be trusted to install a new dental contract with the trust of the profession. GDPC should withdraw support for the Dental pilots until such decisions are reversed.

**Pay Rises****Mark Terberg (Norfolk)**

This Conference demands that the annual contractual uplift be increased to fund pay rises for low-paid workers.

**Retirement Age****Nick Stolls (Norfolk)**

This Conference demands the urgent review of raising the retirement age of dentists to 68.

**Time-limited contracts****Abid Hussain (Birmingham)**

This Conference believes that the time limiting of dental contracts is detrimental to patients and the continued investment in practices and as such no future contract should include a time limitation.

**Trade union legislation****Eddie Crouch (Birmingham)**

This Conference demands GDPC lobby MPs to reverse unfair trade union legislation that limits industrial action by dentists.

## **Local Professional Networks**

### **Judith Husband (Oxfordshire)**

This Conference proposes that Local Professional Networks be democratically accountable and clinically representative, with remuneration for dentists at the British Dental Guild rate.

### **Vijay Sudra (Birmingham)**

This Conference believes that a mechanism of appeal must be created by the NHS National Commissioning Board for decisions made by Local Professional Networks.

### **Alisdair Mckendrick (Northamptonshire)**

This Conference believes the Government have abrogated responsibility for providing dental advice to commissioners.

Conference therefore demands that the BDA publicise the failings of the Department of Health in this regard.

## **Bureaucracy**

### **Alisdair Mckendrick (Northamptonshire)**


This Conference demands that GDPC start to fight the endless layers of unnecessary red-tape through organised non-compliance.

### **Alisdair Mckendrick (Northamptonshire)**

This Conference demands GDPC and the BDA cease co-operating with the Department of Health on systems and regulations that are unfit for purpose.

### **Alisdair Mckendrick (Northamptonshire)**

This Conference demands that the CQC prove the cost-effectiveness and patient benefit of dental provider registration.



## **61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2012**

**ONLY members of Conference who are representing their Local Dental Committee will be entitled to vote in the following elections:**

**ELECTION OF AN HONORARY TREASURER  
ELECTION OF TWO HONORARY AUDITORS  
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE  
ELECTION OF MEMBER TO BRITISH DENTAL GUILD BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**However, both members of Conference who are representing their Local Dental Committees AND GDPC representatives WILL be entitled to vote in the ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT (TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE IN 2014)**

**As last year, votes will be cast electronically. Each attending representative will be allocated a remote keypad on arrival. This will allow them to vote during the day.**

**Keypads will be locked so that only voters eligible to vote in each election will be able to do so.**

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT (TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE IN 2014)**

To attend LDC Conference Agenda Committee meetings, and the Conference itself, for three years as Chair-Elect, Chair and Immediate Past Chair. The Chair Elect will also be required to attend other meetings, including the LDC Officials' Day and the Scottish LDC Conference. All travel, expenses and loss of earnings can be claimed from the LDC Conference Fund when attending meetings sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee. The Chair and Chair-elect are also ex-officio members of the British Dental Guild.

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

### **2. ELECTION OF AN HONORARY TREASURER**

Present Treasurer: Tim Harker – elected in 2006

As stated in Conference Standing Orders: it shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive monies forming the Conference Fund and to hold and disburse such monies in accordance with the instructions of the Annual Conference. He/she shall prepare and submit such accounts as the Conference shall require.

The Treasurer attends and reports to LDC Conference Agenda Committee meetings and the Conference itself. Travel, expenses and loss of earnings are payable by the LDC Conference Fund.

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

### **3. ELECTION OF TWO HONORARY AUDITORS**

Required to liaise with the LDC Conference Honorary Treasurer concerning the annual accounts. Travel, expenses and loss of earnings payable by the LDC Conference Fund as sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee.

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

#### **4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

Current Members:

Elected in 2009-12 – Tony Jacobs, Bury and Rochdale LDC  
Elected in 2010-13 – Jane Ainsworth, North Tyne LDC  
Elected in 2011-14 – Roy McBurnie, Greater Glasgow & Clyde LDC

##### ***Further details about the posts:***

##### **Information concerning the duties of elected members to the LDC Conference Agenda Committee**

At each Annual Conference one person shall be elected to the Conference Agenda Committee to hold office from the end of the Conference at which he is elected for a period of three years. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

The Agenda Committee consists of the Chair, Chair-Elect and Immediate Past Chair of the Annual Conference, the Honorary Treasurer, the Chair of the GDPC, and three Local Dental Committee representatives - members of Conference who are not members of the GDPC at the time of election.

Duties of the Agenda Committee, as set down in standing orders:

- to settle the order of the agenda for the Annual or any Special Conference
- to make recommendations to the Conference as to the conduct of the business and Conference arrangements generally
- to ensure that Conference resolutions are considered expeditiously by the GDPC or other appropriate bodies
- to report to the next Annual Conference

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

#### **5. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO BRITISH DENTAL GUILD BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Elected in 2008 – 12 Mark Haig  
Elected in 2009 – 13 Julie Williams  
Elected in 2010 – 14 Clive Harris  
Elected in 2011 – 15 Peter Hodgkinson

Representatives of the British Dental Guild attend two meetings a year at the BDA London Office. Travel, expenses and loss of earnings can be claimed when attending these meetings, as sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee.

Nominations will be taken from the floor.



**61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES  
FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2012**

**ELECTION OF ONE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

**Only Local Dental Committee Representatives are eligible to vote  
(i.e. NOT Observers or GDPC members)**

**The person obtaining the most votes will be elected for a full three year cycle.**

Elected Representatives:

Jonathan Randall	3 years, ending 2013
Roger Levy	3 years, ending 2014
VACANCY	3 years, ending 2015

**1 VACANCY (3 years)**

The GDPC representatives elected at Conference are expected to attend the three GDPC meetings which take place throughout the year at BDA HQ. There are three Conference representatives, one is elected each year to the GDPC on a three year rolling basis. Travel and expenses to cover attendance at meetings is claimed from the BDA. Loss of income can be claimed from the Treasurer of the Annual Conference.

**Nominations to General Dental Practice Committee**

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**NAME: Jim Lafferty**  
**REGION: Sheffield**

**Details:**

LDC Conference, and our grass roots GDPs, need a strong voice to represent their needs, wishes and wants on GDPC, and in negotiating with the DoH. With a decade of experience of doing exactly this, I seek your vote to continue strongly representing you and your constituents.

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**NAME: David Cottam**  
**REGION: Birmingham**

**Details:**

I was elected by conference in 2009 and have attended every GDPC meeting. I am proactive in supporting the needs of our profession and previous motions at conference have queried ARF payments, over-performance issues and the requirement for GDPC to fully report and reply to all motions presented.



## **Treasurer's Report Annual Conference of LDCs 2012**

### **Annual Accounts**

In accordance with the request of the auditors, I have provided more detail this year whilst trying to preserve some continuity with previous years. The summary is similar to previous years and the data from this is reflected in the comparison with previous years. The lower part of this summary is in effect a balance sheet and essentially helps the Auditors verify the bank balance. To make true comparisons between the years possible I run the accounts on a 'current year' basis and only include income and expenditure that actually relates to that year is reported in the accounts. The more detailed report gives a breakdown of all the income and expenditure streams that make up the summary. The current surplus that has accumulated over the years is almost entirely due to the sponsorship Conference has received, and I would like to thank all sponsors, past and present for supporting Conference.

### **Conference Levy**

This year I am pleased to report that all LDCs bar 1 have paid their contributions towards the costs of running Conference, though late payers are not reflected in these accounts. For 13 years now, the Conference Levy has been £5 per practitioner per year, and the Agenda Committee has no plans to increase it whilst we hold a large surplus. I consider it prudent to hold such a large surplus, not only to cover the costs of any Emergency Conference that may be called, but also to allow the Agenda Committee to plan ahead and book venues etc. with the confidence that we do have the funds available to meet those commitments when they are booked. Venues are asking for increased amounts in advance and a large surplus facilitates this sort of budgeting. This surplus will be eroded very quickly if we do not maintain the current contribution levels particularly as the current increase in costs continues to exceed official inflation figures. Conferences out of London tend to be cheaper and Sheffield will be no exception. At the time of writing we are suffering from the Olympic effect and as we have to reserve venues and hotels so far in advance, next year's hotel rooms will be nearly double those of Sheffield. Although the BDA has not increased its hotel allowance from £120 for many years, I would anticipate being able to meet the full cost of LDC Representatives' rooms which are booked within time via the website. Some LDCs have reported large falls in their numbers compared to previous years, and in all these cases I make a Freedom of Information request to the relevant PCT/LHB to ascertain the actual numbers on each Primary Care Organisation's Dental Performer List. It would appear that some LDCs have reduced their subscriptions to Conference by only forwarding funds in proportion to those who pay a LDC levy rather than for each Performer on the Performer List. I would draw the attention of those LDCs to Standing orders Para 20(a)

### **Bank Accounts**

As can be seen from the accounts we still have over £51K on deposit with Allied Irish, with sufficient funds in the current account to cover the expenses detailed above.

I will be happy to answer any questions at my allotted slot at Conference and I would be pleased to stand again as your treasurer.

Tim Harker

Hon Treasurer



# Conference Accounts 2011 - Detail

Sponsorship	£16,750.00	
LDC Subscriptions	£107,200.00	
Dinner Tickets	£13,125.00	
Interest income	£1,316.00	
		£138,391.00
	<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Conference</b>		
Conference Room Hire	£15,086.40	
Conference Photographer	£437.50	
Electronic Voting	£2,631.86	
Conference Expenses	£1,119.52	
LDC Del. Trav & Subsistence	£11,530.72	
Delegate Overnight Rooms	£14,058.00	
		£44,864.00
<b>Dinner</b>		
Dinner	£11,340.30	
Dinner Room Hire	£455.00	
Beverages	£3,444.50	
Dinner Toastmaster	£395.00	
Dinner Photographer	£437.50	
		£16,072.30
<b>Agenda Committee</b>		
AC Travel & Subsistence	£7,705.45	
AC Tim Harker	£4,010.00	
AC Jim Lafferty	£4,560.00	
AC Richard Emms	£2,670.00	
AC Roy McBurnie	£1,295.07	
AC Tony Jacobs	£3,327.00	
AC Jane Ainsworth	£939.48	
AC Mick Armstrong	£3,570.00	
AC John Milne	£2,742.00	
Auditing	£530.00	
AC Jon Randell	£1,620.00	
AC Jerry Asquith	£1,080.00	
AC Richard Elvin	£540.00	
		£34,589.00
<b>Officials Day</b>		
OD Del. Trav & Subsistence	£8,210.00	
		£8,210.00
<b>Admin</b>		
Insurance	£185.50	
Printing and stationery	£3,008.93	
Postage and packaging	£647.81	
Travel	£555.25	
Advertising	£599.00	
Marketing	£1,707.60	
Accounting fees	£1,860.00	
Katherine Fort	£12,933.91	
Denise Kenny	£5,604.00	
		£27,102.00
	<b>Profit/Loss</b>	£7,553.70

## LDC Conference Accounts - Comparison with Previous Years

Year	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>Emms</b>	<b>Asquith</b>	<b>Crouch</b>	<b>Nielsen</b>	<b>Skinner</b>
LDC Subscriptions	£107,200	£ 106,195	£ 106,440	£106,146	£107,682	£110,702
Dinner tickets	£13,125	£ 12,225	£ 13,875	£15,300	£12,740	£13,375
Sponsorship	£16,750	£ 11,525	£ 15,150	£14,200	£13,683	£10,257
Net Interest	£1,316	£ 1,438	£ 1,410	£3,071	£2,928	£1,961
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 138,391</b>	<b>£ 131,383</b>	<b>£ 136,875</b>	<b>£138,717</b>	<b>£137,033</b>	<b>£136,295</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Conference	£44,864	£ 45,757	£ 56,072	£42,394	£43,741	£53,994
Dinner	£16,072	£ 21,407	£ 21,670	£20,608	£16,686	£20,224
LDC Officials day	£8,210	£ 7,600	£ 9,180	£7,162	£7,472	£10,332
Agenda Committee	£34,589	£ 31,451	£ 31,240	£30,755	£29,839	£29,017
Administration	£27,102	£ 23,196	£ 24,691	£18,626	£20,497	£18,657
Misc. expenses		£ 184	£ 90	£614	£586	£210
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£130,837</b>	<b>£129,594</b>	<b>£142,942</b>	<b>£120,159</b>	<b>£118,822</b>	<b>£132,434</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>£7,554</b>	<b>£1,789</b>	<b>-£6,067</b>	<b>£18,558</b>	<b>£18,211</b>	<b>£3,861</b>
Venue	Hotel Russell	Harrogate IC	Tower Hotel, London	Kensington Town Hall	Birmingham Metropole	Tower Hotel, London
Dinner Speaker	Kevin Lewis	Phil Hammond	Marcus Brigstocke	Gyles Brandreth	Clare Short	Sir Paul Beresford

# Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees



## Income & Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31st October 2011

### Income

LDC Subscriptions	£107,200
Dinner tickets	£13,125
Sponsorship	£16,750
Net Interest	£1,316

**Total** £ 138,391

### Expenditure

Conference	£44,864
Dinner	£16,072
LDC Official's Day	£8,210
Agenda Committee	£34,589
Administration	£27,102
Misc. expenses	

**Total** £ 130,837

### Net Surplus/Deficit

£ 7,554

### Financed By:

Opening Balance of Bank Account	<b>1st Nov 2010</b>	£ 31,652
Surplus/Deficit for Year		£ 7,554
Previous Year's subs		£ 4,060
Previous Year's expenses		-£ 3,457
Creditors		£ 2,047
Next Year's Conference		-£ 7,400
Current year's subs received late		-£ 2,450
Interest (still on deposit)		-£ 1,162
Transfer from deposit account		£ 27,681
Closing Balance of Bank Account	<b>31st Oct 2011</b>	£ 58,505
Deposit Accounts		£ 51,084
Total assets		<u><u>£ 109,589</u></u>

Audited & Found Correct

T Harker  
Treasurer

20th January 2011

J Randall  
Auditor

20th January 2011

B Sinson  
Auditor

20th January 2011

**61ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES**

**FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2012**

Members of Conference are asked to use the slips below to indicate speaking intentions.  
Please hand slips in to the table in front of the platform when joining the queue to speak.  
**(\* please delete as appropriate)**

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Motion number ..... Name .....

Representing ..... LDC / GDPC\*

First time speaker - YES / NO\* FOR / AGAINST\*

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Motion number ..... Name .....

Representing ..... LDC / GDPC\*

First time speaker - YES / NO\* FOR / AGAINST\*

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First time speaker - YES / NO\* FOR / AGAINST\*

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# Car Parking & Directions to Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield

Cutlers' Hall, Church Street, Sheffield S1 1HG  
Tel: 0114 2768149

## Car parking

**Please note there is no on-site parking.**

The nearest 24 hour car park is only a few minutes' walk away to the hall: NCP Arundel Gate underneath the Crucible Theatre (access available from both sides of Arundel Gate).

**Special car parking rate at £5.00 up to 24 hours for delegates.**

On entry to the car park at Arundel Gate take a token at the barrier and park your car – (take the token with you do not leave it in your car). When you are ready to leave the Cutlers' Hall go to the cloakroom to validate your token on the token machine to get the discounted rate, then pay your money at the NCP car park machine before you get in your car.

## Directions by road

Leave the **M1 at Junction 33**. Follow the **A57** all the way into Sheffield until the **Park Square Roundabout**. Take the lane marked '**City A61N**' and the **fourth exit**, keeping Pond's Forge Swimming & Leisure Centre on your **left**, follow signs to the **Theatres/Hallam University**.

Go up the hill and straight through the first traffic lights; at the next traffic lights, stay in the **left lane** of the road and turn left onto Arundel Gate, keeping the large Department store called **T J Hughes** on your right. After **75 yards** move left down the slip-road into Arundel Gate Car Park. There is a very sharp left turn at the bottom of the ramp into the multi-storey car park.

There is a 300m walk to either the hotels or Cutlers' Hall from the car park. To get to the Mercure St Paul's and Novotel walk up Arundel Gate towards and past the Crucible theatre, entering the Mercure via the Millenium Gallery and then the Winter Garden up the escalator. For the Leopold and Cutlers' Hall walk down Arundel Gate and take the first left, High Street, with TJ Hughes at the bottom of High Street. Follow the tram lines uphill, and after 200m the road changes into Church Street, and you will be opposite the Cathedral, and can find the Cutlers' Hall next to the Royal Bank of Scotland. The Leopold is 100m further up the hill, opposite the next junction, and to your left.

## Car/Tram Via Meadowhall

Leaving the M1 @ Junction **34** parking (foc) your vehicle in the Meadowhall Shopping Centre, you can catch the Tram into the City getting off at the **Cathedral stop** (this is directly outside **The Cutlers' Hall**). This takes about 15 mins and is a very pleasant way to see the City. There is also a separate car park that can also be used at '[Meadowhall Interchange](#)' on the hill right behind Meadowhall.

## By rail

The Cutlers' Hall is located 800 metres from Sheffield's Midland Station, a **5 minute taxi journey** away, **3 stops on the Supertram**, or a **10 minute, hilly walk** –the Mercure St Paul's and Novotel are a 5 minute walk, the Leopold is about a 12 minute walk.

**The Supertram** stop is situated at the rear of the train station - follow the signs for Trams, the tram stop is at the top of the stairs. **Don't cross** over the lines; catch any tram to either Sheffield Cathedral or Meadowhall (Purple Line) or Malin Bridge (Blue Line) – go three stops to the Sheffield Cathedral. The Cutlers' Hall is opposite the main entrance to the Cathedral. To get to the Leopold, walk 100m up the hill, and at the junction you will see the Leopold opposite on your left. To get to the Novotel and Mercure, go down the hill 25m, and turn left up the pedestrianised Fargate. The Town Hall, with Vulcan atop is opposite the top of Fargate – turn left down Surrey Street, keeping the Town Hall on your right, and there is an entrance to the Mercure St Paul's behind the town Hall on your right. Go right here for the Novotel, keeping the Mercure on your left, and the entrance for the Novotel is on your left immediately after the Mercure St Paul's.

See [www.supertram.com](http://www.supertram.com) for further information.

**Walking:** leave by the main exit and keep the “silver slug” on your right, cross at the Pelican and walk up the pedestrianized Howard Street, past Sheffield Hallam University's main buildings on your right. For Novotel cross at the Pelican, and head 50m left. For Mercure St Paul's cross into the Millenium Gallery, go up the escalator, into the Winter Gardens, where the hotel entrance is to your left in the far wall of the gardens. For the Leopold, cross and opposite and just to your right is a walled path up to the Art Deco Central Library building – walk up here, pass the Winter Gardens and Mercure on your left, and at the end of Surrey Street turn right onto Leopold Street. After 100m, on your left is the hotel, in the beautiful Leopold Square, with classy bars and restaurants.



# SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE MAP



Map showing location of Cutlers' Hall on Church Street, opposite the Cathedral. The Mercure St Paul's Hotel is a short walk away on Surrey Street, adjacent to the Town Hall. The Novotel is just behind the Mercure. The Leopold Hotel is just off Leopold Street near City Hall.

## Hotel Car Parking

### Mercure St Paul's

Valet parking £23.00 per 24 hrs; Q Park on Charles Street - hotel guests receive 10% discount, approx £13.10 per 24hrs; NCP car park Arundel Gate, £6.50 per 24 hrs (validate parking token at hotel reception). Note check-in time at the Mercure is from 2pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Novotel

The hotel has private outdoor parking, first come, first served - £10 per evening. If this is full they will direct you to the nearby Q-Park Car Park where they can offer a discounted rate.

### Leopold Hotel

Overnight parking is available for £7 per night at the nearby Q-Park Rockingham Street (off Trippet Lane). To reserve a space please call before your arrival - 08450 78006.



**61st CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES  
FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2012**

**EXPENSES CLAIM - GDPC REPRESENTATIVES**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address in full \_\_\_\_\_  
(including county  
and postcode) \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Air Fare £ \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Class Return Rail Fare £ \_\_\_\_\_

Any sleeper charges £ \_\_\_\_\_

Car mileage (40p per mile) £ \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel costs necessarily incurred £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not booked through Fresh Reservations)  
£100.00 one night only

Claim if staying with friends/relatives £ \_\_\_\_\_  
£25 one night

Total expenses claimed £ \_\_\_\_\_

I claim payment of the above expenses necessarily incurred in attending the 61st Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees. I am not claiming reimbursement from any other source.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please hand this form in as early as possible during the meeting and no later than 1.00 pm on 15 June.**

**If you fail to do so send it immediately to Will Newport at the British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 8YS; Tel: 020 7563 4158**

**Please attach receipts for all expenses incurred.**