

Brief biographies of 2025 Agenda Committee

Charles Daniels - Chair

Charlie grew up in Middlesbrough, and trained at the Royal London Hospital, undertaking his FD training in the East End of London.

He works in two NHS focused practices and has trained a number of FD and PLVE dentists.

He has been Chair of the Northern Region of LDCs and is currently Chair of Tees LDC and sits on GDPC.

Outside of dentistry his passion is golf and following Middlesbrough Football Club.

Sarah Canavan – Chair Elect

Sarah has ADHD, a fact that likely doesn't surprise those who've met her. However, she has embraced her neurodiversity and has learned to use it to her advantage—or at least hopes so. Her message is clear: being diagnosed with ADHD, or any other form of neurodiversity, doesn't define or limit who you are. Instead, it can be a unique strength that you can harness in your own way.

She has extensive dental experience dating back to 1995 and has a master's degree in Pain Management and a Postgraduate Certificate in Contemporary Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry. She is also currently studying for a diploma in Orthodontics in General Practice. She comes from a background in special care dentistry, with unique skills particularly suited to treating medically compromised patients, children and those with anxiety.

Aside from the clinical side of things, Sarah is a member of the British Dental Association (BDA) and is Chair of the Dental Associates Sub Committee at the BDA. She is also Vice Chair of the Northampton Local Dental Committee (LDC).

Outside of work she “enjoys” going to the gym (well she goes to the gym), travelling with her partner Wayne and walking their dog, Robbie

Agi Tarnowski – Past Chair

Agi grew up in South London and trained in Cardiff. Following adventures down under Agi returned to the South of England and has been working in the region since.

Agi is unashamedly a patient focused practitioner and an advocate for the generalist dentist.

Agi works in mixed general dental practice and the CDS.

Non-clinically she is Chair of the West Sussex LDC, Kent Surrey and Sussex Routine Dentistry MCN she sits on the GDPC Exec and is involved in teaching and peer review.

Shawn Charlwood - Chair of the General Dental Practice Committee / representative from Conference

Shawn Charlwood graduated from Birmingham Dental School in 1986 and has postgraduate dental qualifications from the University of Bristol and the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners.

He owned a large mixed practice for twenty-five years and was a foundation trainer for over twenty years. He had previously held postgraduate positions at Manchester Dental School and Manchester Royal Infirmary Maxillo-facial, as well as being an officer in the Royal Army Dental Corps TA for five years.

He has been on the GDPC for 13 years and is now Chair, having previously served as Vice-Chair,

Chair of the GDPC Remuneration Sub-Committee and Chair of the GDPC Private Practice

Committee. He also currently sits on the GDPC-LDC Regional Liaison Group, GDPC Associates Group, the BDA's Review Body Evidence Committee and the British Dental Guild. He was previously the Chair of Lincolnshire LDC, which he has been a member of for 25 years.

Zoe Connelly – representative from Conference

Zoe graduated from the University of Leeds in 2007 and entered General Practice. She has worked as an NHS Associate Dentist at St Michaels Dental Practice, Wakefield since 2008. Zoe is passionate about the need for Contract Reform following involvement through her Practice in the Contract Reform Prototypes. She is Treasurer of Wakefield LDC and has been involved in trying to increase the representation of new dental graduates in their LDCs.

Peter Hodgkinson – Treasurer

Pete graduated from Guys Hospital in 1974. After short associateships in Somerset and Cheshire, owned a five-surgery practice in Helston, West Cornwall.

Represented Cornwall on GDPC for 30 years. Vice-Chair 2008-2015.

LDC Conference Chair 2004.

Senior Dental Adviser to Care Quality Commission 2011-2014.

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LDC member for 30 years.

Board member of Dental Protection Limited.

Founder member and past Chair of Cornwall IDP 2008-2018. Retired 2019.

Judith Husband - representative from Conference

After qualifying from Liverpool Dental School in 1997 and undertaking two additional years postgraduate training Judith moved to Oxfordshire, later settling in Northamptonshire. A keen advocate for the dental profession and patients, she is a past Deputy Chair of the British Dental Association, past BDA PEC member and current elected member of Northamptonshire Local Dental Committee and BDA General Dental Practice Committee Executive.

With over twenty years' experience working in general dental practice, under NHS contract and privately provided care, Judith now works as an associate dentist in mixed NHS/private practice. Her non-clinical time is shared across a number of roles related to healthcare and dentistry including Chairing the Wesleyan Members Advisory Board and sitting on the board of Dental Protection Limited.

As Managing Director of her consultancy company, she provides a variety of project leadership and industry insights to businesses and organisations within the UK and internationally.