

## Brief biographies of Agenda Committee 2019

### **Russell Gidney**

Russell qualified in 2002 from Cardiff university and has worked primarily in general practice in South East Wales since.

Russell joined Gwent LDC in 2014 and has been treasurer since 2015 and regular conference goer since.

### **Vijay Sudra**

Vijay has worked in his own practice for over twenty years in an impoverished and dentally high needs part of Birmingham and remains committed to offering NHS services to his patients. He has been actively involved with Birmingham LDC during this same time and is current Secretary of that committee. He is also on GDPC by virtue of being Chair of LDC Conference, having previously been on that committee as an elected member. His belief has always been to make strong and fair representation on behalf of colleagues locally and nationally.

### **Stuart Allan**

Graduated from Sheffield University in 1978, then taught Restorative dentistry there whilst undertaking Doctoral research. Co-opted onto Sheffield LDC as secondary care representative.

Part time associate in a practice in Ashton under Lyne at this time, later partner, then owner, now partner again.

Member of the LDC and appointed secretary 2006, founded the Federation of Greater Manchester LDCs and perform the role of chair and secretary. Represent the NW region at GDPC liaison and sit on the LDC Conference agenda committee.

Joint convener of the West Pennine PASS scheme.

Appointed Dental Practice Adviser to Manchester PCT in 2009, on the dissolution of the PCTs, appointed Professional Adviser-Dentistry to the Greater Manchester Area Team.

Regularly lectures on regulation, law and ethics as applied to dentistry for the Health Education England, BDA Sections, LDCs etc

### **Leah Farrell**

Leah qualified in 1987 and her career has involved working as an associate, practice owner and FD trainer. She has also been dental practice advisor for the then Northants PCT a practice assessor for NCAS and Oasis.

She is currently an NHS associate in Towcester and acts as LDC secretary for Northants LDC, GDPC rep and sits on the GDPC Executive.

Her main drive is to achieve better representation of the profession in leadership roles.

### **Henrik Overgaard-Nielsen**

Started NHS practice in Fulham as a squat in 1999, practice has now treated 130.000 patients and has 14 chairs.

Sold practice to associate but still works there part time.

Vice chair of GDPC 2008-2015 and chair from 2015.

LDC Conference chair (2007)

### **Alison Lockyer**

I've worked full time as a GDP since qualifying and have done most jobs - VT trainee, trainer, associate, principal, set -up practices from scratch, worked in prisons doing dentistry and in industry (Rover/BMW factory). I've always been very active in dental politics via my local LDCs and the BDA.

Why do I get involved? Because it's there to be done and supporting and promoting dentistry and my colleagues gives me great satisfaction.

### **Joe Hendron**

Immediate Past Chair of LDC Conference

Member of GDPC representing Annual Conference

Chair Wakefield LDC

Principal of St Michaels Dental Practice delivering NHS care in Wakefield.

I remain a fervent supporter for the need for dental contract reform. The profession needs an alternative to the UDA system which is fair both for our patients and for those delivering NHS dental care.

### **Will Newport**

Will has worked in Westminster and for the BDA. He studied public policy and is not clinically qualified, although he has now worked with the dental profession for over a decade.

Will currently works for the LDC Confederation in London.