



Brief biographies of 2020 Agenda Committee

Leah Farrell - Chair

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.

Stuart Allan – Chair Elect

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 associate 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, chair elect for 2012.

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.

Dave Cottam

Dave Cottam is chair of the General Dental Practice Committee and leads negotiations with government over rollout of a reformed GDS contract.

Dave is a specialist in oral surgery, and previously served as vice-chair of the GDPC. He has also served as chair of Birmingham LDC and president of Central Counties Branch. Currently an associate, he has four decades' experience treating both NHS and private patients.

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.

Peter Hodgkinson – Treasurer

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

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 PEC member and current member of Northamptonshire Local Dental Committee.

With over twenty years' experience working in general dental practice, under NHS contract and privately provided care, Judith now works as an associate dentist. Her non-clinical time is shared across a number of roles related to healthcare and dentistry. As Managing Director of a consultancy company she provides a variety of project leadership and industry insights to businesses and organisations within the UK and internationally.

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Vijay Sudra – Past Chair

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.

Dan Cook

Dan Cook grew up in North East England and South Wales. He graduated from Newcastle in 2003 and, following DFT in North Yorkshire and associateships on Tyneside, he bought his practice in Newport, South Wales, where he provides mainly NHS family dentistry alongside DFT and undergraduate supervision.

He is vice-chairman of Gwent LDC and a member of the Welsh GDPC. Outside of dentistry he enjoys music and is a keen amateur brewer.