



LDC Conference 2021

Motions carried at Conference

General Dental Practice Committee, Eddie Crouch

This conference asserts that all forms of discrimination have no place in dentistry.

UK

Regulation

1. Bromley Bexley & Greenwich LDC, Nick Patsias

The CQC should regulate compliance companies as well as the profession.

England

Regulation/Recruitment

2. West Pennine LDC, Martin Longbottom

This conference calls for long term clarity on the admission of new EEA graduates onto the GDC list of registrants.

UK

3. West Pennine LDC, Martin Longbottom

This conference calls for an increase in the number of places to sit the ORE and an improved application process.

UK

Recruitment and retention in rural areas

4. Northampton LDC, Amar Shah

This conference demands government and commissioning bodies take urgent action to address the serious problem recruiting and retaining dentists faced by rural communities and those distant from dental schools.

UK, Policy

4a.Lincolnshire LDC, Amelia Coulby

This conference calls for a definitive strategy by NHSE&I and HEE to address recruitment and retention issues in rural areas such as Lincolnshire.

England

Working conditions - PPE

5.Nottinghamshire LDC, Simon Thackeray

This conference calls for an urgent review into the need for enhanced PPE in the dental setting with a particular focus on comfort, staff fatigue/burnout and the devastating environmental impact of such measures, clearly weighed against the risk of contamination.

UK

Working conditions / career development /contract reform

6.West Sussex LDC, Agi Tarnowski

Contract reform must reflect and sustain a changing workforce and allow for a future with a real chance of career progression while staying in NHS primary dental care.

UK, Policy

Contract reform

7.Wakefield LDC, Tejaswi Mellachervu

Conference asks that following the recent commitment by NHS England and the government minister to contract reform, it is essential that the UDA treadmill is not replaced by another one in disguise.

England, Policy

8. Gwent LDC, Dan Cook

This conference calls for Welsh Government to guarantee that where untested metrics are applied to NHS contracts through reform there is no risk of financial penalties for practices making reasonable efforts to meet their responsibilities.

Wales

9. Northumberland LDC, Duncan Thomas

Conference asks that the BDA adopts a position in negotiating a reformed NHS contract which allows use of the full range of DCP competencies.

England, Wales

Contract / Patient care

10. Northumberland LDC, Duncan Thomas

Conference demands that for the profession to flourish and for a high standard of care to be delivered, any future NHS contract must recognise that more time needs to be spent with each patient encounter.

England, Wales, Policy

NHS Dentistry - Funding

11. Birmingham LDC, Ranjit Singh-Chohan

This conference calls for an increase in funding to NHS Dentistry (similar to the support offered across other NHS sectors), to allow practices to reduce waiting lists, treating more patients safely by increasing NHS care provision hours over and above those contracted for.

UK, Policy

NHS Contractual Arrangements

12. Hants and IoW LDC, Keith Percival

This conference deplores the 11th hour announcements for Q4 2020/21 and yet again more recently Q1 and Q2 for the current contract year. We demand that all future contract

arrangements notices are shared with the profession in a timely manner so that practices can remain a sustainable and viable resource for NHS patients.

England, Wales, Policy

13. Coventry LDC, William Sidhu

Since there is a high demand from the public for dental consultations; Dental Practices should be remunerated for Triaging patients.

England, Policy

NHS Contractual Arrangements – abatement clawbacks

14. West Sussex LDC, Mark O’Hara

Abatement clawbacks must be urgently reviewed and removed to reflect the fact that ‘variable costs’ have actually increased not decreased despite a ‘reduced’ level of NHS service.

England, Policy

14a. Birmingham LDC, Ahmad El-Toudmeri

This conference calls for an immediate removal of the abatement of contracts enforced on practices.

England

15. Birmingham LDC, Abid Hussain

This Conference calls on the Principal Executive Committee of the BDA to explore mounting a legal challenge to the quantum of abatement that is now being applied to NHS Dental Contracts by the DHSC.

England

UDA values

17. Liverpool LDC, Bill Powell

This conference considers it unacceptable that all providers are expected to provide the same service despite huge disparities in remuneration.

England, Policy

18. Bro Taf LDC, Adam Porter

This conference calls on Wales Government to reduce the target for application of fluoride varnish to a more manageable level, to allow dentists to use their clinical judgement regarding the appropriateness of application for any given patient.

Wales

Patients - Unacceptable waiting times for General Anaesthetic provision

19. Northampton LDC, Judith Husband

Conference calls on government to address the unacceptable waiting times for General Anaesthetic provisions, especially for the CDS services, from referral to treatment following the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

UK, Policy

Commissioning - flexible commissioning

20. Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire LDC, Simon Hearnshaw

This conference supports flexibility within commissioning frameworks enabling services to be delivered outside the constraints of UDAs within sustainable and effective frameworks.

England, Policy

Vulnerable groups/ Commissioning of oral care in a domiciliary setting

21. Norfolk LDC, Jason Stokes

This Conference calls for the GDPC to ensure that: NHSE conducts specific & transparent needs assessments for domiciliary care to gain accurate local intelligence to support the commissioning and delivery of domiciliary dental care.

England

22. Norfolk LDC, Jason Stokes

This Conference calls for the GDPC to ensure that NHSE commissions adequate care for the changing demography of the population and reflects local variation.

England

23. Norfolk LDC, Jason Stokes

This Conference calls for the GDPC to ensure that: NHSE contracts for domiciliary services with a mechanism and KPIs that reflect the particular challenges of domiciliary dental care.

England

Addressing oral health inequalities

24. Leeds LDC, Ian Wilson

This Conference supports the development of robust and effective programmes on a sound financial footing to support oral health services for the homeless and socially marginalised groups in society. We urge policy makers to develop programme frameworks that enable sustainable care for these groups to be delivered hence removing obstacles to access.

UK

25. Gwent LDC, Russell Gidney

This conference calls for Design to Smile to be restarted and expanded to build on the previous successes in addressing oral health inequalities.

Wales

NHS Offer

26.Hants and IoW LDC, Claudia Peace

This conference demands that the Department of Health and Social Care define and make public the NHS Offer so that patients and the profession alike are clear as to the availability of treatments.

England, Policy

26a.North Yorkshire LDC, Ian Gordon

This conference calls for the NHS dental offer to be clearly defined.

UK, Policy

Fees

27.Bromley Bexley & Greenwich LDC, Nick Patsias

It should become our industry standard that deposits should be taken to secure NHS appointments for all fee-paying patients.

England

DHSC White Paper Integration and Innovation

28.Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire LDC, Simon Hearnshaw

This conference fully supports the proposals in the Health & Social Care White Paper to remove funding barriers to the implementation of Water Fluoridation schemes.

England

29. Leicestershire LDC, Philip Martin

With Local Dental Networks likely to be heavily involved in the establishment of Integrated care systems this conference demands that LDN chairs have an understanding of the needs of primary dental care, be promptly appointed to any vacancies and that they are properly remunerated.

England

Local Dental Committees

30. Bro Taf LDC, Ruwa Kadenhe

Conference calls for all local dental committees to actively engage with Dental Care Professionals and to ensure that their voices are heard.

UK

31. Gwent LDC, Russell Gidney

This conference calls for a review of the funding sources for LDCs to allow them and the committees they support to be more representative of the GDP practices as a whole.

UK

Procurement

32. Oxfordshire LDC, Laurie Powell

This conference condemns the continuing competitive procurement of Special Care and Paediatric Dentistry services in the South East and demands that those procurements currently being pursued be abandoned until NHS England's new provider selection regime is in place.

England, Policy

Indemnity

33. Mid Mersey LDC, Mark Woodger

This conference calls on Dental Indemnity Providers to work together effectively, to ensure proper support for current and former practice owners subject to vicarious liability claims, provided the dentist providing the treatment had cover at the time of treatment.

UK

Recruitment

34. Bedfordshire LDC, Pip Dhariwal

This conference calls for urgent recruitment of dentists from overseas, and facilitating the utilisation of dental therapists in NHS practice. It further demands and increase in UK undergraduate training to alleviate this shortage in the medium and long term.

UK