



Brief biographies of 2021 Agenda Committee

Stuart Allan – Chair

Stuart 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 performed the role of chair and secretary. Represents the North West region at GDPC – LDC liaison group.

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.

Dan Cook - Chair Elect

Dan 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.

Zoe Connelly – Conference Representative

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. Zoe is Treasurer of Wakefield LDC and has been involved in trying to increase the representation of new dental graduates in their LDCs.

Dave Cottam - GDPC

Dave 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.

Leah Farrell – Past 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 acted as LDC secretary for Northants LDC, GDPC rep and sat on the GDPC Executive.

She was the first to Chair a virtual Annual Conference of LDCs in 2020. This was necessary due to the social distancing imposed during the COVID19 pandemic.

Russell Gidney - Conference rep

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

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 - Conference rep

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. Twitter [@Judith_Husband](https://twitter.com/Judith_Husband)