

LDC Officials' Day
Friday 28 November 2025
Woburn House Conference Centre, London

Aim

To furnish official representatives of Local Dental Committees and members of the General Dental Practice Committee with timely updates on significant matters impacting NHS Dentistry, empowering them to offer valuable assistance and well-informed guidance to local colleagues in their official capacities.

Learning objectives

- Receive an update on the work of the General Dental Practice Committee and BDA ensuring an awareness of current developments to better serve dentists in the locality
- Understand current priorities for the General Dental Council and CQC as regulators of the profession
- Explore the current problems with careers for GDPs in the NHS and consider what could change to make careers more fulfilling.
- Consider what the barriers are that hinder the delivery of evidence-based chairside prevention.
- Discuss how different budgets shapes views on what is available on the NHS and how it is paid for.
- Understand the different ways you can pay for dental treatment activity and the pros and cons of these approaches.

CPD 4 hours 20 minutes CPD

Development outcomes

A, B and D

Agenda

09:45	Registration, refreshments and exhibition time
10:30	Chair's welcome Sarah Canavan, LDC Conference Chair
10:35	An update from the BDA Eddie Crouch, Chair, BDA Principal Executive Committee
10:55	An update from the GDPC Shiv Pabary MBE, Chair, BDA General Dental Practice Committee
11:15	Interim contract reform and care pathways Jason Wong MBE, Chief Dental Officer England Nick Barker, Deputy Chief Dental Officer England
11:35	Questions from the floor
11:55	Refreshments, networking and exhibition time

- 12:25** **An update from the British Dental Guild**
Howard Jones, Treasurer, British Dental Guild
- 12:30** **CQC – 2026 and beyond**
Rob Middlefell, National Professional Adviser, CQC
- 12:45** **A GDC update**
Stefan Czerniawski, Executive Director – Strategy, General Dental Council
- 13:00** **Lunch, networking and exhibition time**
Treasurers' drop-in clinic (Sakura café – 1st Floor)
- 14:00** **Contract reform – Introduction to the breakout sessions**
Shiv Pabary
- 14:10** **Contract reform - Breakout discussions***
**Please see delegate list enclosed (page 8) for details of the breakout group you have been allocated to.*

GROUP	THEME	ROOM	LOCATION
A	Describing what GDPs need from an NHS career	Main Room	Ground Floor
B	Working within NHS Budgets	Main Room	Ground Floor
C	Working within NHS Budgets	Main Room	Ground Floor
D	Barriers that hinder evidence-based chair side prevention	Foster & Bloomsbury	Ground Floor
E	Paying for treatment activity	Sakura Café	1st Floor
F	Paying for treatment activity	UUK Boardroom	1st Floor

- 15:40** **Afternoon refreshments, networking and exhibition time**
- 16:10** **Welcome back, breakout feedback and further discussion**
- 16:55** **Chair's closing remarks**
Zoe Connelly, LDC Conference Chair-elect
- 17:00** **Day concludes**

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