

To: Secretaries of Local Dental Committee  
General Dental Practice Committee Members

February 2009

Dear Colleague

**2009 Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees  
18 and 19 June – Tower Guoman Hotel, London – Sponsored by Denplan**

I have great pleasure, as the Chair of Conference for 2009, in inviting representatives to attend the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual LDC Conference, which returns this year to the Tower Hotel London. I am delighted that Denplan will again be supporting the event as the Platinum Sponsor.

I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to Chair your Conference, in the year that sees the start of Local Commissioning by PCTs. I hope that Conference will form an arena for political debate and that the Department of Health will listen to our ideas for improvement.

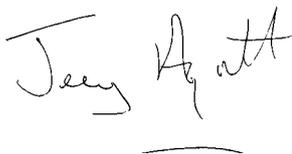
It is my opinion that now, more than ever, the LDCs must unite as a political force. Whilst the GDPC has a national role to play, the LDC Conference focuses on NHS issues and should use this influence to its maximum.

I hope this year's Conference will be dynamic, a Conference of real debate. Why not think of some controversial ideas that need airing and talking through? Motions must be received by Friday 17 April so that a full list can be sent out in the week commencing the 11 May 2009.

The Conference Dinner will be on the evening of 18 June at the Tower Hotel. This year we have opted for some humour rather than a political after dinner speaker and have asked Marcus Brigstocke to provide that.

I look forward to meeting old and new friends at the Conference of 2009. In the meantime if you have a policy query please contact Will Newport at the BDA on 020 7563 4158, [w.newport@bda.org](mailto:w.newport@bda.org) or, if you have queries about the organisation of the event, please contact Katherine Fort on 01243 780615 or [Katherine.fort@btinternet.com](mailto:Katherine.fort@btinternet.com)

Regards



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Chair 2009 LDC Conference