



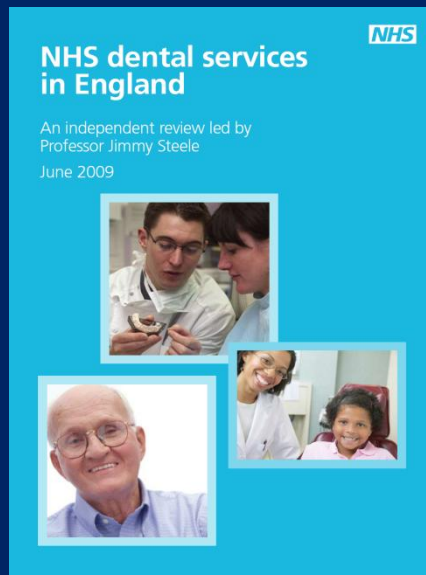
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John Milne: Chair GDPC



Steele review of NHS dentistry

“NHS dentistry could lead the world in providing an Oral Health Service”





Steele Review

General Dental Practice Committee Actions:

- GDPC Approach: **Engagement with extreme vigilance**
- Members of the GDPC are sitting on 5 working groups of the Steele review implementation body:
 - Pathway and quality
 - Contract pilots
 - Commissioning development and business support
 - Communications, patient empowerment and information
 - Finance

Dental Access Programme - Dr Mike Warburton PDS Plus

Still unsuitable

Think carefully

Take advice





Key objectives.....ours!

- Develop a preventive based service that improves oral health, enables quality care to be provided and remunerates dentists adequately and fairly.
- Retain independent contractor status and preserve the ability to mix NHS and private practice.
- No detriment to practitioners participating in pilots.
- To preserve (or reinstate) goodwill for practices.
- To ensure that the relationships between providers and performers are not adversely affected

A possible long list of contract options is as follows

Option 1

Capitation 10%

Activity 80%

Quality 10%

Option 2

Capitation 50%

Activity 20%

Quality 30%

Option 3

Capitation 50%

Activity 40%

Quality 10%

Option 4

Capitation 10%

Activity 60%

Quality 30%

Option 5

Capitation 30%

Activity 60%

Quality 10%

Option 6

Capitation 70%

Activity 0%

Quality 30%

Option 7

Capitation 50%

Activity 50%

Quality 0%

Option 8

Capitation 0%

Activity 70%

Quality 30%

Option 9

Capitation 30%

Activity 40%

Quality 30%


Option 10

Capitation 70%

Activity 20%

Quality 10%

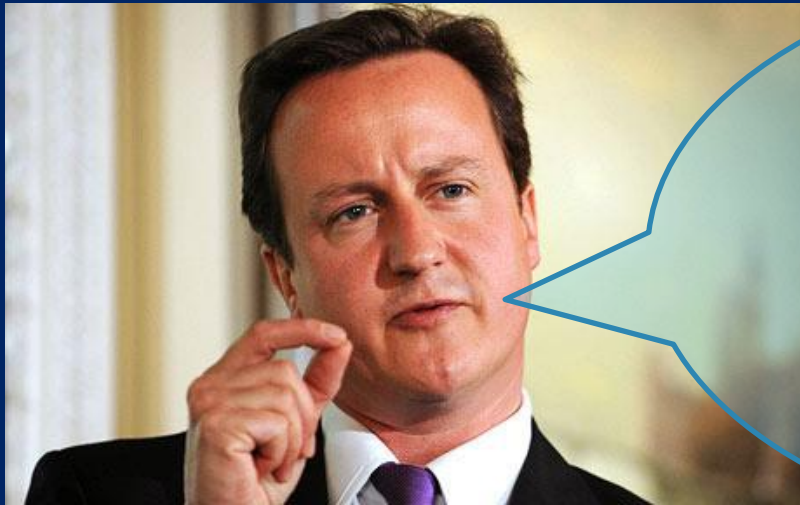




Steele Representatives' and GDPC Executive's Recommendations

- Continue to engage, but be more proactive
- Adequate number of pilots, including the whole range of quality incentives
- Improve Quality Indicators to reflect good practice
- Timings Exercise to ensure OHA and treatments are properly funded.
- Ensure that care pathways and assessments do not undermine professional judgments.
- Protect the profession against potential de-skilling
- END PRODUCT BETTER.....Not WORSE!**

New Government?



Registration

School Inspections

New Contract

Ability to transfer practices

NHS Tie in for new dentists

We met the new minister
last week

Steele pilots torpedoed

By Andy Tate, parliamentary correspondent



An attempt by dentists' leaders to reach a political consensus on the future of NHS dentistry has been torpedoed by the Conservative Party health spokesman, Mike Penning, told *Dentistry magazine* that a Conservative second phase of pilots aimed at trailing recommendations had been review, and piloting, had been welcomed by the profession as a way of jettisoning some of the government's unpopular 2006 reforms.

The first phase of trials to test out assessments and information technology, has already begun. But more extensive, 'full system' pilots of contracts, based on a blend of access, quality and activity indicators, are not due to go live until the autumn – after the expected general election.

Only this month, the British Dental Association

claimed that a 'broad political consensus' had been achieved around Professor Jimmy Steele's review, which called for piloting income on their books of NHS patients as their activity. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats – as well as the Conservative group 'Witchy' – are committed to further piloting, which had been expected to last up to two years, and the Conservatives were understood to be on board as well.

John Milne, chairman of the BDA's general dental practice committees, had said he hoped the result of the general election would be 'irrelevant' to the way a new government implemented further NHS dentistry reforms.

Andy Tate, parliamentary correspondent

of the other major political parties in England have signalled their agreement that change must come and indicated their broad support for it. Dr Milne added that the message for BDA members to take to politicians was that these reforms must become politicised and that whoever is elected must make a commitment to see this process through.

But Mr Penning signalled that whatever consensus may be reached in the future, the future of NHS dentistry is not to be decided by politicians.

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The Tories calculate that the NHS will save £17 million a year for the first year of the new system.

Dentists 'play the system to deny almost 7m free slots'

Sam Lister

Times, 4/15/10

Dentists are still encouraging patients to return for excessive appointments and follow-ups, putting income ahead of care, research suggests.

Data gathered by the Conservatives shows dentists to be "gaming the system". The Tory analysis, based on figures for 2008-09, suggests that 6.8 million slots could have been made available to those without NHS dentistry had the government needed splitting appointments into separate patients of "urgent" care. The Tories calculate that the NHS will save £17 million a year for the first year of the new system.

contract to address problems with a so-called drill and fill culture. An independent review ordered by the Government, led by Jimmy Steele, of Newcastle University, found that dentistry was too preoccupied with treatment rather than prevention, and that dentists should be paid according to the number of patients on their list and penalised for poor work that leads to repeated visits.

Professor Steele's proposals, which were accepted by the Government and put into pilot schemes, include rewarding dentists for registering new patients and building relationships with existing patients. The size of the reward is determined by the size of the practice, quality of care and the number of treatments. The figures for the health department are being reviewed by the Tory government.

body & soul



Nothing to smile about

Dentists are choosing glamorous over mundane work to preserve our teeth – and the price is rising. writes Simon Crompton



What lies ahead?



•“We will introduce a new dentistry contract that will focus on achieving good health and increasing access to NHS dentistry. At this stage, we need to review the details of the system that we have inherited. Once we have done that and have talked to the profession and patient groups, we will announce the details of the reforms that we are proposing.”

Ahead?



“We will introduce a new dentistry contract that will focus on achieving good dental health and increasing access to NHS dentistry, with an additional focus on the oral health of schoolchildren.”

The future



The new Minister has committed to continuing the reform of NHS dentistry in England. He has pledged to review the progress so far and then take reform forward. Importantly, he has also committed the new Government to discussing change with the profession and to the piloting of long-term change.

Wider Context.



- Budget Cuts
- GP Commissioning
 - Don't be caught out over secondary and community care. LDCs need to be in contact with LMCs and GP colleagues
- ?Central Contracts
- Outcome based contracts



The big challenge

How can a system improve oral health, deliver prevention continuing care and advanced treatment, whilst paying dentists adequately, fairly, and provide an environment where all this can be achieved with minimal perverse incentives from any direction to enable the patient, the government and the profession to have confidence for the future?

We're working on it, and need your help and support.