



## LDC Conference 2020

### Conference Motions – Debate results

#### SESSION ONE

##### PPE

1. Hants and IoW LDC, Phil Gowers

This Conference demands to know that NHS bodies will rectify the inadequate supply chains which caused the lack of provision of PPE to dental practices in the Corona Virus pandemic in future contingency planning.

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. West Pennine LDC, Martin Longbottom

This Conference asks that all necessary PPE including any Fit Testing necessary, be provided free of charge for NHS use at all registered dental sites.

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. West Pennine LDC, Martin Longbottom

This Conference asks that all necessary PPE including any Fit Testing necessary, be provided free of charge at all registered private dental practices.

UK

**MOTION DEFEATED**

##### Treatment of Associates

4. Hants and IoW LDC, Keith Percival

This Conference demands an in-depth investigation into the perverse financial and agreement changes that many associates have had to endure during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Liverpool LDC, Vip Syal

Conference calls on the BDA to act when it uncovers during dispute resolution negotiations evidence of unscrupulous behaviour with regards to the unfair treatment of associates. It calls on the BDA to hold to account the GDC registered provider of the contract and the CQC (or equivalent) registered provider of service and refer them to the necessary regulator

UK

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Representation for Associates

6. Northamptonshire LDC, Sarah Canavan

This conference calls upon the GDPC and the BDA to ensure that a protected seat is created for a “career associate” on the GDPC Executive.

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

Contract reform

7. Northamptonshire LDC, Alisdair McKendrick

Northants LDC abhor the fact that GDPs have been forced to be tax collectors by having to collect patient charges in practice. We call for a system which makes the Government responsible for collecting their own revenue.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SESSION TWO

Contract Reform

8. Derbyshire County LDC, Paul Moore

This conference calls on the Department of Health and Social Care to guarantee that NHS practices receive 100% of their contract value into the future, no matter what form of system we will be working under.

England, Wales, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Dyfed & Powys LDC, Tom Bysouth

This conference demands that there be ongoing collaborative testing and piloting of the proposed NHS contract changes in Wales such that they can be scrutinised by the profession before any permanent implementation.

Wales

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. Gwent LDC, Sharlene Parmar-Anwar

This Conference calls for the immediate withdrawal of the “Urgent” ACORN in all clinical settings in Wales

Wales

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dentistry’s place in the NHS

11. Enfield & Haringey LDC, Roger Levy

Conference calls on DHSE and the NHS to acknowledge primary care dentistry as a vital service that is in every respect a part of NHS primary care services.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

Contract reform

12. Birmingham LDC, Vijay Sudra

This conference insists that treatment of disease as well as prevention remains an essential function of the NHS Dental Service

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

13. Coventry LDC, William Sidhu

The contracting of services should utilise flexible commissioning principles to facilitate the provision of domiciliary care services as soon as possible.

England, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SESSION THREE

### Communication/leadership

#### 14. Nottinghamshire LDC Jimmey Palahey

This conference calls for the formulation of a dental crisis committee, consisting of senior stakeholders from the full spectrum of dental care, to provide clear and concise guidance, swift communication, and crucially have the appropriate powers to successfully and effectively steer the whole profession through any future threat to continued service provision.

UK

**MOTION DEFEATED**

#### 15. Hants and IoW LDC, Claudia Peace

This Conference demands that the Gateway process in England is amended to prevent the delay in the production of guidance for dentists (to be in line with the other home nations).

England

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 16. Nottinghamshire LDC, Simon Thackery

This conference calls for the Office of the Chief Dental Officer to be distanced from the NHSE hierarchy ensuring that multiple levels of approval are not needed before critical updates and communications are distributed which result in unacceptable delays in information dissemination.

England

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Evidence base for guidance

#### 17. North Yorkshire LDC, Ian Gordon

*PHE and other bodies that impose restrictions on practice should have evidence to back their recommendations.*

Motion reworded as follows:

**PHE and other bodies that impose restrictions on practices should rely on appropriate evidence wherever possible, but in the absence of high-level evidence, apply a risk-based approach.**

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Dentistry's place in the NHS

### 18. Bedfordshire LDC, Anthony Lipschitz

This Conference calls for a radical restructuring of the DoH and PHE whereby Dentistry is included on an equal footing with the General Medical Profession. This will ensure equitable treatment of patients and Dental Teams within the NHS.

England

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SESSION FOUR

### 19. South Staffordshire LDC, Adam Morby

This conference calls on the NHS to work with the profession to support BAME dentists and address the racial inequalities that have been highlighted by the disproportionate impact of coronavirus.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dentistry's position within the NHS

### 20. Wakefield LDC, Zoe Connelly

This Conference calls for NHS dentistry to be integrated into the NHS Digital mainstream and dentists receive access to Summary Care Records.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 21. Kent LDC, Huw Winstone

This Conference believes primary care dentists should have access to electronic prescribing

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Fluoridation

### 22. Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire, Simon Hearnshaw

This conference supports the targeted fluoridation of water and stands shoulder to shoulder with Durham, Sunderland, South Tyneside and Northumberland councils as they move towards Public Consultation for Community Water Fluoridation.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Occupational health

### 23. Enfield & Haringey LDC, Roger Levy

Conference calls on NHSE to provide free and comprehensive Occupational Health services to dental practice staff.

England, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Welsh GDS reform

### 24. Gwent LDC, Dan Cook

This Conference feels that Welsh practices should not be obliged to provide access to all local people, regardless of their previous attendance, without additional funding and support.

Wales

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SESSION FIVE

### 25. Gwent LDC, Dan Cook

This conference calls for practices to be credited UDAs (UDAS) to compensate for the loss of income from FTA.

England, Wales

**MOTION CARRIED**

## GDC - ARF

### 26. Northamptonshire LDC, Amar Shah

Conference calls for the GDC to urgently reduce its ARF for dentists and dental care professionals and allocate use of reserve funds to meet any adverse financial demand if need be.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

27. North Yorkshire LDC, Ian Gordon

This conference calls on the GDC urgently review how the ARF is collected, to allow payments by instalment and review the total amount collected. It is once again apparent that they have no understanding of the profession they regulate.

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

28. South Staffordshire LDC, Adam Morby

This conference calls for the General Dental Council to immediately withdraw from the furlough scheme and use its reserves to pay its staff properly and repay the taxpayer all the money that it has taken from this scheme.

UK

**MOTION CARRIED**

29. Gwent LDC, Jimmy Carter

This conference calls on the GDC to fulfil its duty to protect patients by actively policing direct to consumer dentistry

UK, Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

Orthodontic procurement

30. Birmingham LDC, Gill Cottam

Conference demands an inquiry on the abandoned Orthodontic Procurement process in NHS Midlands and East to encompass all procurement that has taken place in NHS Dentistry since 2006 to evaluate the cost and improvement such processes have delivered.

England

**MOTION CARRIED**

31. Leicestershire LDC, Philip Martin

This conference demands that NHSE England ceases all further re-procurement of orthodontic services

England

**MOTION CARRIED**

32. Russ Gidney, Gwent LDC

This conference calls for DFT practices assessments for existing providers to work to a fixed “acceptable” standard, above which a practice’s position through their 5-year allocation is secured.

Wales

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