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AGENDA

2.5 hours
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Conference is open to:
LDC Delegates, Guests,
Scottish Dental Practice Committee Members,
BDA Staff and Scottish Dental Fund Board Members

- 08.40-09.10 Registration**
- 09.10-09.15 Welcome and Chair's Opening Remarks**
- 09.15-09.45 Gerard Boyle, Senior Dental Adviser, Practitioner Services**
Presentation and Question and Answer Session:
An update from Practitioner Services
- 09.45-10.15 David McColl, Chair of the Scottish Dental Practice Committee**
Presentation and Question and Answer Session:
The work of the Scottish Dental Practice Committee 2022-2023
- See supporting documents in conference pack:*
- Action by SDPC on 2022 conference motions
 - Scottish Dental Practice Committee Policy Document
- 10.15-11.00 Ms Jenni Minto, Minister of Public Health and Women's Health**
Presentation and Question and Answer Session:
Update from the Scottish Government
- 11.00-11.30 Break**
- 11.30-12.15 Dr Sandesh Gulhane, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care**
Presentation and Question and Answer Session:
The Future of Dentistry in Scotland
- 12.15-12.25 Joanne Phoenix and Morna Beattie, Practice Plan and Wesleyan Financial Services**
Address from conference Platinum Sponsor
- 12.25-13.30 Lunch**

13.30-13.55 Elections and Results

Review job descriptions for each post (*see document in conference pack*):

- Chair Elect of the Conference of Scottish LDCs, post held for two years (currently Christina Ferry)
- Three members of the Conference Agenda Committee, posts held for one year (currently Paul MacDonald, Helen Dennison and vacant)
- One representative to the Scottish Dental Practice Committee, post held for one year (currently Kenneth McDonald)
- Two representatives to the Board of Management of the Scottish Dental Fund, posts held for three years (currently Tony Coia and Jim Law)
- Two Auditors of Conference, posts held for one year (currently Kieran Fallon and Robert Sweeney)

13.55-14:05 Elizabeth Glass, Conference Treasurer

Presentation and Question and Answer Session:

Conference Accounts and Treasurer's Report

(*see document in conference pack*)

14.05-14.20 Roy McBurnie and Jim Law, The Scottish Dental Fund

Presentation and Question and Answer Session:

Report from The Board of Management with Audited Accounts for 2021/2022 and levy

(*see document in conference pack*)

14.20-15.30 Motions 2023

(*see document in conference pack*)

15.30-15.40 Break

15.40-16.30 Motions 2023 continued

(*see document in conference pack*)

16.30-16.35 Any other competent business

16.35-16.40 Chair's closing remarks

16.40-16.45 Induction of Christina Ferry as Chair

16.45-16.50 Incoming Chair's closing remarks

16.50 Conference closes

Date of Next Conference: Friday 19 April 2024 at the Stirling Court Hotel

2022 LDC Conference Motions

19 motions passed at the 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs were taken forward as SDPC policy

Below is a summary of the progress made with the motions

Green = progress made

Orange = longer-term goal

Yellow = no longer applicable

Number	Title	Motion	LDC	Progress
1	Review of NHS Dental Fees	This conference demands that Scottish Government commission an independent review of NHS dental fees to reflect the time required to undertake treatments and related paperwork, the costs of materials and general practice expenses.	Lanarkshire LDC	In progress - SDPC are having regular discussions with SG. This will form the basis of payment reform discussions. The BDA are already undertaking UK wide research on timings of treatments and associated running costs within the GDS, including the impact of rising practice expenses and will share the results with SG in due course.
2	Dental Lab Fees	This conference demands that Scottish Government revise the wholly inadequate fee structure for restorative items requiring lab work to enable practices to provide viable treatments and to ensure the survival of local dental labs.	Lanarkshire LDC and Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	In progress - having regular discussions with SG. SG did not agree to raise lab fees as part of an interim funding model but have agreed to address this as part of a new long-term funding model. The 1.7 multiplier was having a positive impact on NHS dental lab fees and we were in dismay that this was reduced to 1.3 from July. Ongoing discussions are taking place and it is hoped SG will provide an update for the profession and outline an approach to this issue soon.
3	Additional SDR fee for AGP	This conference proposes that should AGP appointments continue that there be the addition of an item in the SDR to cover the additional time it takes to carry out treatment in an AGP compared with the same treatment pre-Covid.	Fife LDC	In progress - having regular discussions with SG. SG have agreed to request activity data about the '8,000' codes from ISD as evidence to help inform a new long-term funding model. The 8,000 codes were introduced during the pandemic to allow practices to track extra activities that do not generate an IoS fee - such as Covid telephone triage. These codes do not feature in the revised Determination 1 (as of January 2023) of the SDR.

4	Notice for Changes to the SDR/NHS Dental Contracts	This conference demands that 12 weeks' notice be given of any changes to the SDR or NHS dental contracts.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	Formal negotiation with SDPC in relation to payment reform of the Determination 1 of the SDR is due to commence imminently, SG have committed to sharing this with the profession as soon as possible via a 'showcase' and will implement the changes by 31 October 2023. SG advised that the GDS Regulations is a 'Terms of Agreement' rather than a contract. They require flexibility and would be unable to commit to a minimal notice period of 12 weeks' for any changes. Some of the changes made at short notice are beneficial to the profession, such as extending allowances or introducing the multiplier. However they acknowledge that practices require adequate notice in order to business plan and are actively trying to improve this.
5	Increase Prior Approval Level	This conference demands that Scottish Government commits unequivocally to increase prior approval level in line with item of service fees.	Lanarkshire LDC	In progress - having regular discussions with SG. SG declined SDPC's request to raise the Prior Approval limit in line with the annual percentage fee uplift as they said this should only be done on a 'clinical governance basis' which there was no evidence for at the time. To keep under review and continue to pursue. There are likely to be discussions about this in relation to the revised Determination 1 codes and the allocation of fees. To keep under review.
6	Fee for Patient Referrals with Complex Needs	This conference urges the Scottish Government to introduce a fee for patient referrals particularly patients with complex needs or neurodiversity.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	To pursue with SG. SDPC to decide how to take forward as a separate fee or bundle with other fees and have asked SG to consider the definition around those eligible for enhanced continuing care payments
7	Change to GP234 Calculation	This conference demands that NHS commitment be measured on proportion of time spent not income received.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	To pursue with SG. SDPC agree with motion in theory but practically may be challenging for SG to implement as it is difficult to evidence time spent and dentists will take varying times to complete treatment (also trainees to consider). Important motion to support mixed practices which are still committed to the NHS. SG noted that the time spent method had already been used when changing the maternity pay calculation and may be used again in the future. Advised there would be an opportunity to discuss allowances during the allowance review due in 2023/2024.
8	Abolition of 3-month Rule for Treatment Claims	This conference calls for the abolition of the 3-month rule for claiming treatments.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	SG noted there had recently been some confusion about the 3 month rule for claiming treatments. Information is included here; https://www.nss.nhs.scot/media/3973/mouthpiece-jan-2023-final.pdf

9	Removal of GDPA Cap	This Conference proposes the removal of the General Dental Practice Allowance Cap to provide equality for Dental Practices and to ensure viability of larger practices.	Ayrshire and Arran LDC	To pursue with SG. Have discussed with SG in the past and may be an opportunity to discuss as part of the allowances review in 2023/24. Allowances need to support economies of scale with larger practices.
10	Increase to VT Trainer Allowance	This conference demands that Scottish Government raises the current level of VT trainer allowance to reflect the increased workload required to provide adequate mentoring support and training for recent graduates with limited clinical experience.	Lanarkshire LDC	To pursue with SG (have previously raised the issue), discussions on allowances likely to progress over the coming months and this will be included, as part of allowances review 2023/24. NES is now the lead employer for VTs since August 2022. SG has suggested this change should see a reduction of the administration burden for VT Training practices. For this reason, they suggest there may no longer be a requirement to increase this allowance but are open to discussion during the allowance review due in 2023/2024.
11	Increase in CPD to 10 Sessions per Year	This conference demands an increase in Continuous Professional Development Allowances to 10 sessions per year.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	To pursue with SG. Good practice as more time being spend completing CPD and practitioners should be remunerated for this. There may be an opportunity to discuss this during the allowances review 2023/24
12	NHS Recruitment and Retention Crisis	This conference demands that Scottish Government provides concrete support, in the form of funding and incentives, and plans for an increased student intake, to address the recruitment and retention crisis currently affecting all roles within NHS dentistry.	Lanarkshire LDC	In progress - having regular discussions with SG re recruitment and retention issues in the dental sector. Have to be practical with the expected time scale for this motion - likely to be years before an increase in student intake makes an impact on the dental workforce. An alternative way to take this motion forward may be by SG making NHS dentistry appealing to newly qualified dentists through bursary schemes and a reformed GDS contract etc.
13	GDC Assisting DCPs Returning to the Register	This conference demands that the General Dental Council assists DCPs when applying for restoration to the Register with a reasonable adjustment to CPD requirements.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	Raised with Gordon Matheson (GDC Head of Scottish Affairs; he signposted the GDC website concerning the Enhanced CPD scheme 2018 (gdc-uk.org). This includes links to supporting documents such as their statement on reflective practice with associated blog-posts, a PDP template, how to record and submit CPD online, and information on how to restore your name to the register. They aim to process complete applications within 15 working days, however this can vary in peak periods. All applications are processed in order of the date that they are received. They regularly review processes to make them as efficient and proportionate as possible. He readily accepts that this is a work in progress so any feedback is taken seriously.

14	Dental Hygienist Training	This Conference firmly believes that specific Hygienist training needs to be re-established as a matter of urgency.	Ayrshire and Arran LDC	In August 2022 New Lanarkshire College was due to introduce an HND Dental Hygiene programme for existing dental nurses. https://www.scottishdental.org/hnd-in-dental-hygine/ . We have asked for clarity on the current status of this course.
15	GA Waiting Times	This conference demands that Scottish Government urgently allocates targeted services and resources to address the lengthy waiting times experienced by an unacceptable high number of paediatric and additional or complex patients who can only be treated under GA.	Lanarkshire LDC	In progress - legacy motion BDA committees have been pursuing with SG for many years. BDA Scottish Council taking this forward as part of a new Child Oral Health Working Group, including possible Ministerial involvement. There is a commitment from SG for a roundtable meeting on this issue and BDA Scotland are expecting a date to be set imminently.
16	Abolition of Police Report for Immediate Deregistration of Abusive Patients	This conference calls for the abolition of any requirement for a police report for the immediate deregistration of abusive patients.	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	In progress - have raised with SG in writing and verbally. SG stated this would require a change to the GDS regulations and that it was unlikely these would be changed easily. Continue to pursue this with SG when discussing regulatory changes. SG's stance is that there is already flexibility within the GDS Regulations (under section 10) to allow practices to immediately deregister violent / abusive patients without a police report if the contractor applies in writing to their Health Board.
17	Four-Nation IPC Guidance	This conference demands that Scottish Government works with administrations across the four UK nations to implement unified, standard, research-based infection prevention control measures to provide consistent and practical guidelines.	Lanarkshire LDC	There is already 4-nation IPC guidance and the CDO explained at the Scottish LDC Conference in April why Scotland has developed additional guidance (via ARHAI) to reflect different Covid testing policy. To keep under review if IPC guidance changes again.
18	Support for Patients Exceeding Dental Chair Weight	This conference demands a clear referral pathway to managed services for patients who weigh in excess of the maximum weight limit for standard dental chairs (135kg).	Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC	Bariatric referral pathways are arranged at Health Board level with differing arrangements in place. Local pathways were collated for each PDS service, by the PDS leads group and a full list of these pathways was shared with the LDC Conference Agenda Committee
19	Practice Expenses	This conference demands Scottish Government provide additional funding to address the significant increase in practices expenses and thus protect the viability of NHS dental practices.	Lanarkshire LDC	In progress - having regular discussions with SG. SDPC keen for 'recurring funding' rather than another one-off payment. This will also feature on the negotiations of the costings for the revised Determination 1. The BDA are already undertaking UK wide research on the impact of rising practice expenses and will share the results with SG.

Scottish Dental Practice Committee Policy Document

August 2022

1. Purpose of the Scottish Dental Practice Committee Policy Document

SDPC represents all independent non-salaried general dental practitioners (GDPs) in Scotland, both BDA members and non-members. The purpose of this policy document is to ensure that GDPs' issues and concerns are addressed formally through SDPC policies. The document aims to provide a strategic and evidence-based approach to SDPC policies and new issues as they emerge.

The policy framework is a dynamic document which should be amended as required, and formally revised and reviewed on an annual basis. The document will be the responsibility of the entire committee and should be used as a reference during SDPC meetings to inform discussion and help promote SDPC policies.

This document includes the motions that were passed at the 2021 Conference of Scottish Local Dental Committees and subsequently adopted as SDPC policy. Progress in implementing these policies is monitored by BDA Scotland and should be reviewed regularly by SDPC.¹ Motions passed as SDPC policy from the 2022 Conference have also been added.

2. Communication

The committee is committed to communicating effectively with the profession, using a range of channels. The BDA website (due to be redeveloped in 2023) is an important platform for communicating with colleagues through regular live updates, press releases, blogs, newsletters and social media.

SDPC also recognises the importance of regular and timely communication with the Chief Dental Officer (CDO), Scottish Government and other organisations. The committee calls on the CDO, Practitioner Services Division (PSD) and other relevant bodies to recognise that the dental profession requires timely, direct, accessible and clear communication and guidance delivered through appropriate channels and that is easily understood.²

3. Funding, Capacity and Quality

SDPC strongly believes that GDPs must be appropriately resourced to deliver a quality service to their patients. Quality costs money and adequate funding is required to provide the standard of NHS dentistry that patients deserve.

SDPC:

- Seeks to address the 30 per cent real-terms reduction in dental practitioners' income over the last five years
- Seeks an increase in the dental budget by at least that of inflation to increase practitioners' remuneration, and resist further erosion of dental allowances
- Demands a clear and unambiguous guarantee that Scottish Government will put at least £431m into GDS in 2021/22 given the 2021 manifesto pledge by the SNP to abolish patient charges for NHS treatment without prior consultation with the profession³*[Note: In the Scottish Budget 2022-23 (Dec 2021), the GDS budget increased by £38 million, from £431 million in 2021-22 to £469 million in 2022-23 – a rise of 8.8%. This follows an increase of £2.4 million (0.6%) last year, and presumably includes the patient charge for 18-25 year-olds who no longer pay for NHS dental treatments. Scottish Government*

¹ The motion proposing that the Scottish Government convert the mechanism for LDC voluntary levies into an 'opt-out' scheme is being taken forward by the Conference Agenda Committee.

² Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

³ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

officials have previously stated that these figures represent a "nominal" budget, as NHS dentistry is a demand-led service. Actual spend on GDS and PDS was previously included in the annual Primary Care Dentistry in Scotland reports, but these are no longer published. BDA Scotland have requested the latest spending figures from Public Health Scotland].

- Calls for any new model of care to be realistically funded to ensure the viability of NHS dental practices and enable access to oral health care for all.⁴ There needs to be a period of consultation with GDPs, allowing them to feed back their thoughts or concerns, before any new financial plan or replacement/change to the SDR is implemented⁵. Twelve weeks' notice should be given regarding any changes to the SDR or NHS dental contracts.⁶
- Proposes that any new model of care should consider the time taken for practice administration⁷ and Scottish Government should commission an independent review of NHS dental fees to reflect the time required to undertake treatments and related paperwork, the costs of materials and general practice expenses⁸
- Scottish Government need to provide additional funding to address the significant increase in practices expenses and thus protect the viability of NHS dental practices⁹
- Calls on the Scottish Government to extend appropriate PPE supply to GDPs until a new financial plan is in place^{10 11} and should AGP appointments continue, that there be the addition of an item in the SDR to cover the additional time it takes to carry out treatment in an AGP compared with the same treatment pre-Covid ¹²
- Requests that 8,000 codes are included in the SDR as a principal measure of dental practice activity ¹³
- Proposes that a stabilising fillings code is made available to allow practitioners to record this activity and be remunerated accordingly¹⁴
- Seeks to influence Scottish Government in raising the threshold for Prior Approval and urges them to increase the Prior Approval level in line with item of service fees¹⁵
- Encourages PSD to improve the quality and accuracy of data and reduce fees payment timescales. Scottish Government should also abolish the 3-month rule for claiming treatments¹⁶
- Urges Scottish Government to reinstate free replacement restoration claims for patients aged 65 years and over
- Calls on the Scottish Government to aid GDPs in facilitating more environmentally sustainable practices. This includes a review of infection control guidelines post COVID-19 with a view to becoming more pragmatic and evidence-based on the need for

⁴ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

⁵ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

⁶ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

⁷ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

⁸ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

⁹ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁰ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹¹ Free PPE has been extended until March 2023

¹² Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹³ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁴ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁵ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁶ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

single use items and PPE, and to provide funds to encourage purchase of re-usable alternatives when appropriate¹⁷

- Demands that Scottish Government address the urgent issue of lengthy waiting times for paediatric surgery by providing more funding and resources to enable children to be treated in a timely manner.¹⁸ Scottish Government need to allocate targeted services and resources to address the lengthy waiting times experienced by an unacceptably high number of paediatric and additional or complex patients who can only be treated under general anaesthetic¹⁹
- Demands that Scottish Government revise the wholly inadequate fee structure for restorative items requiring lab work to enable practices to provide viable treatments and to ensure the survival of local dental labs²⁰
- Urges the Scottish Government to introduce a fee for patient referrals particularly patients with complex needs or neurodiversity²¹
- Demands that NHS commitment be measured on proportion of time spent not income received²²
- Proposes the removal of the General Dental Practice Allowance Cap to provide equality for Dental Practices and to ensure viability of larger practices²³
- Demands that Scottish Government raises the current level of VT trainer allowance to reflect the increased workload required to provide adequate mentoring support and training for recent graduates with limited clinical experience²⁴
- Demands an increase in Continuous Professional Development Allowances to 10 sessions per year²⁵

Scottish Government continues to refer on the matter of dentists' salaries and terms and conditions to the Doctors and Dentists Review Body (DDRB) on a national basis. It remains SDPC policy to: support the process, presenting robust evidence on earnings and expenses; promote the interests of general dental practitioners and the wider profession; and protect the quality of care to patients.

SDPC:

- Continues to work on behalf of the profession to ensure that robust and persuasive evidence is presented to the DDRB, and to work with DDRB to promote the interests of BDA members and other GDPs in Scotland
- Supports the development of robust practice cost information in line with requirements of the DDRB
- Promotes the use of benchmarking to enable practices to undertake a comparative evaluation of practice costs
- Seeks to review how the profession negotiates on NHS fees
- Promotes the use of a suitable expenses template, developed in conjunction with BDA Scotland, and continues to explore practice expenses with Scottish Government.

¹⁷ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁸ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

¹⁹ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²⁰ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²¹ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²² Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²³ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²⁴ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²⁵ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

The view of SDPC is that quality is at the heart of all elements of the policy framework. The committee seeks to:

- Promote an increase in patient participation rates
- Limit the time period of registration to encourage engagement and motivate patients' self-responsibility for their oral health²⁶
- Promote improvements in oral health through patient education and prevention
- Promote the development of appropriately funded Oral Health Risk Assessments
- Promote high quality care to patients
- Have the Statement of Dental Remuneration, which is currently unfit for purpose, reflect the actual cost of delivering dental treatment
- Promote high-quality training for dentists provided by specialist providers such as NHS Education for Scotland and the BDA
- Ensure that dental professionals are supported or mentored in their developmental needs
- Promote early detection of oral cancers and work with secondary care to improve survival rates
- Have NHS Boards review the SCI Gateway referral system and support the implementation of an agreed national standard
- Have Practitioner Services Division provide GDPs with a supported single practice management system
- Have GDP representation in the appointment of Directors of Dentistry, with the introduction of funding to enable GDPs to apply for the positions
- Highlight to the public the actual costs of dental treatment and the unsustainability of the current funding system.

4. Workforce

Addressing Scotland's dental needs and tackling oral health inequalities will depend on having a stable workforce. Developing a strategic approach to dental workforce planning for all branches of the profession must be a priority for Scottish Government.

SDPC:

- Calls on the CDO and Scottish Government to provide clear guidance for both employed and self-employed dental staff in relation to working whilst pregnant, particularly in relation to AGPs²⁷
- Urges the Scottish Government to protect dental teams by putting in place a clear and rapid pathway that allows GDPs to refer patients who are engaging in behaviour that is unacceptable in the dental practice²⁸
- Calls on the Scottish Government to maintain the Seniority Allowance and promote other measures to enable experienced dentists nearing retirement to seek alternative career paths
- Supports the reinstatement of the default NHS Pension age of 60
- Urges Scottish DCP Schools to reintroduce the training of Dental Hygienists²⁹
- Has concerns about increasing direct access and endorses the CDO's view that Dental Care Professionals (DCPs) function optimally as part of a dentist-led team.
- Demands that the Scottish Government provide concrete support, in the form of funding and incentives, and plans for an increased student intake, to address the recruitment and retention crisis currently affecting all roles within NHS dentistry³⁰

²⁶ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²⁷ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs, resolved see [https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL\(2021\)43.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL(2021)43.pdf)

²⁸ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

²⁹ Motion from 2021 and 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

³⁰ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

- Demands that the General Dental Council assists DCPs when applying for restoration to the Register with a reasonable adjustment to CPD requirements³¹

SDPC policy is that every graduate from Scottish dental schools should have a guaranteed and properly funded Scottish VDP training placement.

- The committee encourages dentists during the later stages of their practising careers to take on training and other developmental roles in order to promote a better work-life balance

5. Scottish Government policy

The BDA and SDPC work to influence Scottish Government but recognise that Scottish Government will not always be bound by these decisions.

- SDPC wishes to work constructively with Scottish Government to determine how the Oral Health Improvement Plan is implemented through representation on working groups, effective negotiation and meaningful testing phases / early adopter practices. SDPC believes that any outcomes must be able to provide the best quality of care for patients and to be in their best interests.
- SDPC seeks assurances from Scottish Government that it will monitor and ensure that no dental practice is financially destabilised by a reduction in NHS income following the implementation of the Plan.
- Regarding the appointment of any future CDO, SDPC:
 - Calls for dentists to have input into the selection of the CDO³²
 - Supports a set term of office for the post of the CDO.³³

SDPC policy is to pursue with Scottish Government further improvements in the oral health of the whole Scottish population, with a strong emphasis on prevention.

- SDPC endorses the Childsmile Programme and supports continued funding of the programme
- SDPC endorses the BDA's overall objective that communities strive to move towards the decision to choose fluoridated water
- SDPC supports a dental prevention programme for the elderly both in their own homes and in residential care homes. *[Note: The Caring for Smiles programme did not stop during the pandemic, although the face-to-face training element was suspended. CfS Teams across the country continued to give remote support to care homes while they were closed to visiting health professionals. As care homes opened up in line with "Open for Care", the training programme restarted but some care homes adopted a cautious approach in response to new Covid variants].*

6. Combined Practice Inspections (CPI) / Quality Improvement (QI)

CPI

SDPC recognises the importance of quality assurance within a wider quality framework. However, the Committee has concerns about the onerous and bureaucratic process of combined practice inspections (CPI).

SDPC:

- Supports CPI with consistent implementation across the NHS Boards

³¹ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

³² Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

³³ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

- Opposes sanctions for practices which have struggled to complete the CPI process, supports the provision of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Dental Care Professionals (DCPs) who assist the CPI process at practice level
- Seeks to ensure that there is adequate representation of GDPs in the CPI process across NHS Boards
- Promotes the profile of the BDA Expert package as a mechanism to significantly reduce CPI preparation time within dental practices tailored to the Scottish system
- Works to ensure that DCPs working in practice gain accreditation for their role in the CPI process
- Opposes financial charges for compulsory training courses under the new CPI
- Opposes sanctions or financial penalties targeted at individual dentists rather than at a dental practice, who have not met their Clinical Audit requirements, and promotes a consistent approach by NHS Boards
- Supports the need for the implementation of an allowance or sessional payment, or CPI time be incorporated into new Scottish Government Protected Learning Time proposals to compensate practices for lost time during a CPI.

QI

SDPC has concerns about the performance and accountability of quality improvement, dental clinical audit and Significant Event Analysis (SEA). It is essential the systems operated by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) are transparent and that appeals processes have clear timeframes.

SDPC:

- Calls for the mandatory requirement to undertake audit, SEA and QI be taken out of the GDS regulations and left as a voluntary requirement for GDPs to facilitate improvements in patient care³⁴
- Urges NES to review its documentation relating to assessment of QI clinical audit activity, to check the robustness of its processes, and identify areas for enhancement
- Suggests that the agreed NES reviewer guidance and/or review criteria should be shared with the GDP community (with suitably anonymised examples of reviewed projects accompanied by a brief commentary)
- Calls for NES to allow anonymous reporting of adverse clinical and practice events which can be reviewed and the learning shared with the profession
- Seeks to have NHS Boards operate national sanctions in relation to QI
- Suggests that NES must recognise hours are based on the process of audit and not on the outcome.

7. Practice administration

IT

SDPC supports the implementation of the Scottish Government e-Dental Programme for dentistry to maximise the accuracy of online reports to support the financial and reporting requirements within dental practices.

SDPC recognises the importance of having a workable dental IT system and suggests that this will be of the utmost importance for any success of the Scottish Government Oral Health Risk Assessment proposals.

- SDPC urges Scottish Government and NHS Boards to review and re-design the dental SCI Gateway referral system to an agreed national standard
- SDPC suggests that Scottish Government / NHS National Services Scotland should be responsible for the procurement and upkeep of emergency drugs

³⁴ Motion from 2021 Conference of Scottish LDCs

- SDPC suggests that Scottish Government / NHS National Services Scotland could greatly enhance patient safety with the establishment of an accessible database of prescribed medicines and required medical protocols
- SDPC urges PSD to provide GDPs with a supported single practice management system.

GDPR

SDPC calls for general dental practices to be aligned with general medical practices in having access to NHS Boards' Data Protection Officers.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

SDPC supported the Scottish Government's initiative to introduce defibrillators into every Scottish NHS dental practice in 2014 to ensure that both patients and the wider community had improved access to this life-saving equipment. The Scottish Government subsequently issued [PCA\(2019\)\(D\)1](#) in January 2019, which included revised arrangements for the first-responder element to AED (defibrillator) scheme.

- In light of the additional responsibilities for dental practices to provide emergency care outwith their premises as first responders, SDPC considers that GDPs and their staff should be reimbursed for annual Basic Life Support training.

Deregistration of Abusive Patients

As independent business owners, practices have an obligation to support the wellbeing and safety of their staff. In support of this, SDPC call on the Scottish Government to abolish the requirement for a police report for the immediate deregistration of abusive patients³⁵

Support for Patients Exceeding Dental Chair Weight

SDPC call on the Scottish Government to implement a clear referral pathway to managed services for patients who weigh in excess of the maximum weight limit for standard dental chairs (135kg)³⁶

³⁵ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs

³⁶ Motion from 2022 Conference of Scottish LDCs



2023 Office Bearer Elections

1. Chair Elect of the Conference of Scottish LDCs

One member of CAC required for 2 years, 2023-2025.

Supports and shadows the current Chair for two years until they are inducted as Chair. Has a seat on the Scottish Dental Practice Committee. Voting member of the Conference Agenda Committee.

2. Members of the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC)

Three members of CAC required for 1 year, 2023-2024.

Members of CAC are involved in the planning of the Conference of Scottish LDCs. Members are expected to take on various roles and responsibilities such as: overseeing the Lifetime Achievement Award nominations, liaising and booking sponsors, arranging for Continuing Professional Development accreditation and inviting Vocational Dental Practitioners.

These members have the right to vote on CAC committee matters.

3. Representative to the Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC)

One member of SDPC required for 1 year, 2023-2024.

Subject to the authority of the Principal Executive Committee, the Scottish Dental Practice Committee represents all non-salaried general dental practitioners in Scotland practising in the NHS and/or privately; to negotiate with NHS Boards, and the Scottish Government Directorate for Population Health and other appropriate bodies on matters relating to the delivery and remuneration of dental services provided by non-salaried general dental practitioners, including orthodontists and assistants, working in Scotland; and to liaise with the General Dental Practice Committee and Scottish Council.

This is a voting seat on SDPC.

4. Representatives to the Board of Management of the Scottish Dental Fund (SDF)

Two members of the SDF required for 3 years, 2023-2026.

The Scottish Dental Fund is a fund made up from contributions levied from Local Dental Committees. The SDF is used to compensate both General and Specialist Dental Practitioners for remunerative time lost when acting on behalf of their colleagues at authorised meetings, for example on behalf of SDPC or when negotiating with the Scottish

Government. It is also used to pay an honorarium to the Chair and Vice-Chair of SDPC, as ratified each year at the SLDC Conference.

The Board of Management is responsible for the administration and management of the fund.

5. Auditors of Conference

Two Auditors of Conference required for 1 year, 2023-2024.

The Treasurer will arrange for the two Auditors of Conference to sign off the Conference accounts on an annual basis. Conference financial year ends on 31 August. The Treasurer aims to be organised with the accounts before the end of the year and will chase any outstanding issues before then. The Conference accounts are not confidential.

When all paperwork is in order the Treasurer will email the first draft of the accounts to the Auditors. The Auditors may revert to the Treasurer with a couple of questions, a meeting is then arranged in order to sign off the accounts. The meeting takes place in Glasgow, usually over lunch and is held annually in November. There is no other obligation until the following August / September.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT IN RELATION ' APRIL 2022 CONFERENCE to 31st August 2022

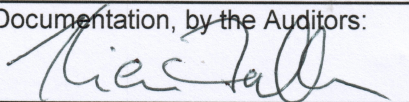
INCOME	2021	2022	EXPENDITURE	2021	2022
			Stirling Management Centre	0.00	9757.35
Levy			P De Vries & A Miller event	3000.00	0.00
Ayrshire	1265.00	1176.40	Nicola Kaya Honorary	3000.00	0.00
Borders	340.00	306.00	Website development and hosting	1620.00	0.00
Dumfries	0.00	0.00	Website costs	378.78	470.00
Fife	1299.00	1210.40	CDO event	733.61	0.00
Forth Valley	1095.00	1040.00	Scottish Conference CAC	6200.00	5224.65
Grampian	925.00	1747.60	Chair's Honorary	500.00	500.00
Glasgow & Clyde	5596.00	5249.60	Treasurer's Honorary	1240.00	1360.00
Highland	0.00	0.00	Printing	34.99	572.00
Lanarkshire	2672.00	2475.20	Lifetime Achievement Awards	0.00	157.47
Lothian	3482.00	3393.20	SDPC	2892.50	3282.00
Tayside	1639.00	1550.40	Delegates Travel Expenses	0.00	360.64
The Islands	0.00	0.00	Lunch for Auditors	0.00	142.10
			Gift N Kaya	299.00	0.00
			Engraving Chain of Office	20.00	0.00
Totals	18313.00	18148.80	Charity	0.00	0.00
			UK Conference	0.00	1542.96
			Past Chairs' medals	0.00	400.09
			Flowers	0.00	138.00
			TOTALS	19918.88	23907.26
Conference Dinner	0.00	1118.00			
Sponsorship	500.00	3750.00			
Net Interest	0.00	0.00			
Charity	0.00	0.00			
TOTALS	18813.00	23016.80			
	2021	2022			
Surplus	-1105.88	-890.46			

Account Reconciliation

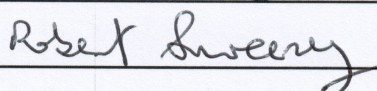
Current Account Balance	01/09/2021		25852.31		
minus balance			-890.46		
Total			24961.85		
Represented by C Account Ba	31/08/2022		24961.85		
Sponsorship 2023			500.00		
TOTAL			25461.85		

Audited, with sight of relevant statements and Documentation, by the Auditors:

Date: 04/11/2022

Signed: 

Date: 04/11/2022

Signed: 

Report of the Board of Management and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2022
for
THE SCOTTISH DENTAL FUND

THE SCOTTISH DENTAL FUND

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

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Fund Information
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

CHAIRMAN:	R McBurnie
VICE CHAIRMAN:	M Arthur (Until April 2022) D Harper (From October 2022)
SECRETARY:	T Coia
TREASURER:	J Law
OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS:	K Fallon L Glass
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:	J Brady
AUDITORS:	Sharles Audit Limited Statutory Auditor 29 Brandon Street Hamilton ML3 6DA

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Report of the Board of Management for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

The directors present their report with the financial statements of fund for the year ended 30 September 2022.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the fund in the year under review was that of the support of dentists' representatives for attending meetings for the benefit of the profession.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management shown below have held office during the period from 1 October 2021 to the date of this report.

R McBurnie	
M Arthur	Until April 2022
D Harper	
T Coia	
J Law	
K Fallon	
L Glass	
J Brady	

STATEMENT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Management are responsible for preparing the Report of the Board of Management and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The constitution of the fund requires the Board of Management to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Board of Management have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK'. The Board of Management must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the fund and of the income and expenditure of the fund for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Board of Management are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the fund will continue in business.

The Board of Management are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the fund's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the fund and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the fund and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


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Report of the Directors
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Board of Management are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the fund's auditors are unaware, and each board member has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the fund's auditors are aware of that information.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


R McBurnie (Mar 5, 2023 17:12 GMT)

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R McBurnie – Chairman

Date: Mar 5, 2023
.....

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Scottish Dental Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Scottish Dental Fund (the 'fund') for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the fund's affairs as at 30 September 2022 and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note six to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Board of Management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Board of Management, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Board of Management for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Board of Management has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Scottish Dental Fund

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the fund and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Board of Management.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which we would report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Board of Management were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Board of Management.

Responsibilities of Board of Management

As explained more fully in the Statement of Board of Management' Responsibilities set out on page two, the Board of Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board of Management determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Management are responsible for assessing the fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intend to liquidate the fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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The Scottish Dental Fund

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The aims of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements as a result of fraud or error, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement as a result of fraud or error and to respond appropriately to those risks. As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures include the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the fund and the sector in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: UK GAAP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the fund is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by reviewing the figures and disclosures within the financial statements.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:
 - summarising income and expenditure for the year directly from the bank statements of the fund and supporting documentation;
 - ensuring this summary has been correctly reflected in the financial statements;
 - agreeing 100% of transactions to supporting documentation;
 - agreeing debtors to post year end receipt;
 - agreeing creditors to post year end payment;
 - agreeing or reconciling the bank balance to bank statements; and
 - confirming the figures or any unexpected variances with the board of management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Conference of Scottish Local Dental Committees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the fund's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the fund and the fund's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Keith Edwards
Keith Edwards (Mar 6, 2023 09:36 GMT)

Keith Edwards (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sharles Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor
29 Brandon Street
Hamilton
ML3 6DA

Date: Mar 6, 2023
Date:

THE SCOTTISH DENTAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	30/9/22 £	30/9/21 £
INCOME	58,222	57,036
Claims and expenses	<u>40,906</u>	<u>48,082</u>
OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	17,316	8,954
Interest receivable and similar income	<u>832</u>	<u>1,065</u>
INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAXATION	18,148	10,019
Tax on income/(expenditure)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>18,148</u>	<u>10,019</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
30 September 202

	Notes	30/9/22 £	30/9/21 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	5,103	7,634
Cash at bank		<u>284,214</u>	<u>262,707</u>
		289,317	270,341
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>13,773</u>	<u>12,945</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>275,544</u>	<u>257,396</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>275,544</u>	<u>257,396</u>
RESERVES			
Retained earnings		<u>275,544</u>	<u>257,396</u>
		<u>275,544</u>	<u>257,396</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK'.

Mar 5, 2023

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Board of Management on and were signed on its behalf by:


R McBurnie (Mar 5, 2023 17:12 GMT)

.....
R McBurnie - Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
Balance at 1 October 2020	247,377	247,377
Changes in equity		
Total comprehensive income	<u>10,019</u>	<u>10,019</u>
Balance at 30 September 2021	<u>257,396</u>	<u>257,396</u>
Changes in equity		
Total comprehensive income	<u>18,148</u>	<u>18,148</u>
Balance at 30 September 2022	<u><u>275,544</u></u>	<u><u>275,544</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Scottish Dental Fund is an unincorporated entity.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities". There were no material departures from that standard.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income and revenue recognition

Income represents donations receivable from Local Dental Committees and is recognised at the point that the fund obtains the right to consideration.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30/9/22	30/9/21
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>5,103</u>	<u>7,634</u>

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30/9/22	30/9/21
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>13,773</u>	<u>12,945</u>

6. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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Detailed Income & Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	30/9/22		30/9/21
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations	58,222		57,036
Other income			
Interest receivable	<u>832</u>		<u>1,065</u>
	59,054		58,101
Expenditure			
SDPC allowances	31,363		39,300
SDPC honoraria	3,820		3,584
Room hire	131		-
SDF travel expenses	84		28
SDF honoraria	650		610
SDF session expenses	3,900		3,660
Auditors' remuneration	<u>900</u>		<u>840</u>
	40,848		<u>48,022</u>
	18,206		10,079
Finance costs			
Bank charges	<u>58</u>		<u>60</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>18,148</u>		<u>10,019</u>

The Scottish Dental Fund

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUTSET TO YEAR ENDED 30/9/22

LDC	Period 20/08/02 to 30/09/12	Year ended 30/09/13	Year ended 30/09/14	Year ended 30/09/15	Year ended 30/09/16	Year ended 30/09/17	Year ended 30/09/18	Year ended 30/09/19	Year ended 30/09/20	Year ended 30/09/21	Year Ended 30/09/22			Ab initio		Total Contb as % due
											Contrib at 30/09/22	Total Due at 30/09/22	Contb as % Due	Total Received	Total Requested	
Health Board Area																
Argyle & Clyde	34,306.35		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£ -	-	-	34,306.35	36,482.10	94.04%
Ayrshire & Arran	58,396.80	4,980.00	5,250.00	5,415.00	5,443.20	5,126.40	5,356.80	5,385.60	4,464.00	4,464.00	£ 4,230.00	4,230.00	100.00%	108,511.80	108,511.80	100.00%
Borders	13,555.95	1,110.00	1,222.50	1,305.00	1,324.80	1,382.40	1,353.60	1,368.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	£ 1,110.00	1,110.00	100.00%	26,132.25	26,146.65	99.94%
Dumfries & Galloway	42.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£ -	-	-	42.00	42.00	
Fife	55,907.55	4,770.00	4,950.00	5,055.00	5,529.60	5,731.20	5,443.20	5,529.60	4,560.00	4,560.00	£ 4,344.00	4,344.00	100.00%	106,380.15	106,380.15	100.00%
Forth Valley	44,161.65	3,960.00	3,960.00	3,930.00	4,118.40	4,118.40	4,262.40	4,377.60	3,552.00	3,552.00	£ 3,552.00	3,642.00	97.53%	83,544.45	83,541.00	100.00%
Grampian	54,924.65	6,360.00	6,967.50	-	8,121.60	7,574.40	7,747.20	7,488.00	-	-	£ -	6,216.00	0.00%	99,183.35	130,261.20	76.14%
G. Glasgow & Clyde	215,504.05	19,830.00	20,550.00	20,970.00	21,484.80	20,908.80	21,225.60	21,830.40	18,528.00	18,528.00	£ 18,528.00	18,528.00	100.00%	417,887.65	420,165.45	99.46%
Highland	35,936.40	3,360.00	3,472.50	2,455.00	1,000.00	250.00	-	-	-	-	£ -	-	-	46,473.90	57,496.80	80.83%
Lanarkshire	90,915.15	8,040.00	8,400.00	8,670.00	8,611.20	10,166.40	10,195.20	6,373.80	2,304.00	6,708.00	£ 8,856.00	8,856.00	100.00%	169,239.75	180,129.90	93.95%
Lothian	150,850.60	13,110.00	13,695.00	13,905.00	14,313.60	14,371.20	14,256.00	14,428.80	12,408.00	12,408.00	£ 12,094.00	12,084.00	100.08%	285,840.20	285,808.15	100.01%
Tayside	71,913.00	5,850.00	6,030.00	6,105.00	6,192.00	6,451.20	6,393.60	6,681.60	5,616.00	5,616.00	£ 5,508.00	5,508.00	100.00%	132,356.40	132,690.90	99.75%
Western Isles	1,046.70	60.00	63.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£ -	-	-	1,169.70	1,711.20	68.36%
TOTAL	827,460.85	71,430.00	74,560.50	67,810.00	76,139.20	76,080.40	76,233.60	73,463.40	52,632.00	57,036.00	£ 58,222.00	64,518.00	90.24%	1,511,067.95	1,569,367.30	96.29%

NB Following the Conference, the contributions requested from each LDC are modified in line with the latest published tables of Dentists by Health Board Area.

CLAIMS - YEAR ENDED 30/09/2022

SDPC CLAIMANTS	Amount	Sessions	Hours (Virtual Meetings)	Reclaim BDG (Sessions)
Clare Cunningham	£ 2,907.50	0	31.25	0
John Davidson	£ 2,747.25	0	29.25	0
Mathew Dickie Jeff Ellis	£ 667.25	0	7.25	0
Christina Ferry	£ 3,008.50	0	32.50	0
Morven Gordon-Duff	£ 1,458.50	0	15.50	0
John Hyland	£ 1,103.75	0	11.75	0
Gillian Lennox	£ 913.75	0	10.00	0
Harriet Liddicott	£ 2,688.00	0	28.50	0
David McColl	£ 1,724.75	0	18.50	0
Mark McCutcheon	£ 8,167.75	6	66.25	2
Kenny McDonald	£ 594.00	0	6.75	0
Lindsay Milton	£ 1,166.00	0	13.25	0
Donald Morrison	£ 852.25	0	9.25	0
Josephine Weir	£ 462.00	0	5.25	0
TOTAL	£ 3,550.50	0	38.25	0
	£32,011.75	6	323.5	2



1. Pilot for New SDR Determination 1

This conference demands that the Scottish Government commits to piloting the measures listed in Determination 1 of the SDR, as indicated by the Cabinet Secretary in September 2022, prior to full implementation across the profession in October 2023.

Lanarkshire LDC

2. Cost Increases

This conference believes that, with inflation at extraordinary levels, there should be an extraordinary exercise to reflect these cost increases, e.g., energy prices, materials, labour costs, laboratory costs etc.

Forth Valley LDC

3. Adequate Sedation Fees

This conference demands that the Scottish Government provides improved training opportunities and realistic sedation fees to make treatment in practice financially and practically viable for GDPs.

Lanarkshire LDC

4. Increase to Fees and Allowances

This conference believes that all fee items and allowances should be increased in line with any general uplift in SDR fees and there should be a retrospective reconciliation of these allowances. (e.g., GDPA, CPDA, OOH sessional rate, Vocational Training allowance.)

Forth Valley LDC

5. Increase in Continuous Professional Development Allowances

This conference demands an increase in Continuous Professional Development Allowances to 10 sessions per year.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

6. Review of NHS Commitment Payment Calculation

This conference demands that the Scottish Government review how NHS commitment is calculated.

Lanarkshire LDC

7. Notice for Maternity Pay Entitlement

This conference demands that dentists claiming NHS maternity pay receive written confirmation of their entitlement, along with the working calculation, a minimum of 12 weeks before their expected date of confinement.

Lanarkshire LDC and Greater Glasgow & Clyde LDC

8. Reintroduce NHS Bursary Scheme

This conference proposes that the Scottish Government reintroduces the NHS bursary scheme to encourage recent graduates to remain in the NHS Dental System.

Lanarkshire LDC

9. Modernisation of NHS Dental Technology

This conference demands provision of NHS dental technology through the introduction of a fair and reasonable reimbursement system for dentists using modern technologies such as digital scanning, 3D imaging, and digital study models.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

10. Notice for Dental Reference Officer Exams

This conference calls for PSD to commit to giving 2 weeks' notice of any DRO exam.

Lanarkshire LDC

11. Specialist Shortages

This conference is concerned by the national shortage of Oral medicine and OFMS specialists and believes that Scottish Government should do more to encourage and facilitate these career pathways.

Lothian LDC

12. Recruitment and Retention of Dental Nurses and Auxiliary Staff in NHS Dental Practices

This conference demands that the Scottish Government implements proposals for the recruitment and retention of dental nurses in NHS dental practices through implementing a national approach to recruitment and retention to include grants for training and education, increased access to organised courses that fulfil the requirements for re-registering with the General Dental Council (GDC), improved remuneration for dental businesses and creating a supportive and inclusive working environment that values the contribution of dental nurses.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

13. Workforce Planning and Training

This conference believes that the viability of dentistry in Scotland is jeopardised by a lack of consideration of the workforce planning and training, particularly in the wake of the pandemic, and especially with respect to Laboratory Technicians. We call on the Scottish Government to urgently allocate funds to address this issue.

Forth Valley LDC

14. Inadequate Funding for NHS Dental Laboratories Items

This Conference demands that the Scottish Government takes immediate action to address the funding crisis facing NHS dental laboratories and ensures patients receive quality dental care.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

15. Domiciliary Care

The conference demands that Scottish Government address the crisis in domiciliary care provision through immediate training of more enhanced skills practitioners and appropriate reimbursement for the additional time and skill required to properly care for these complex patients.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

16. OOH Sessional Rate

This conference believes the OOH sessional rate expressed in the SDR should be increased to reflect the complexity of the interaction with patients in distress, the workload or the need to operate in unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar staff.

Forth Valley LDC

17. Changes to Public Holiday Cover

This conference demands that all formal discussions about public holiday cover, both local and national, involve direct representation from GDPs.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

18. NHS24 and cover for Public Holidays

This conference demands that NHS24 provides practices with confirmed dates for all covered public holidays for the full calendar year at the start of each year. Furthermore, that the unequal level of provision of holiday cover evident across health boards and in comparison with our GMP colleagues is addressed to provide parity.

Lanarkshire LDC

19. Equal Treatment of Scottish Specialist Orthodontic Practices within the General Dental Services

This conference calls for the equal treatment of Scottish Specialist Orthodontic Practices within the General Dental Services and demands that these practices should be included in any future support initiatives under the umbrella of general dental services to avoid separation of specialist orthodontic provision from the general dental service, ensuring a level playing field for NHS dental contractors.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

20. Support for Mental Health

This conference demands targeted and specific support for mental health issues within Scottish dentistry.

Forth Valley LDC

21. Dental Corporate Bodies

This conference is concerned by the growth of large corporate bodies as a proportion of practice ownership in Scotland and by their associated influence on the dental landscape.

Lothian LDC

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