

MOTIONS 2025

1. Add Fee for Incomplete Root Treatments to Determination 1

This conference calls for a fee for incomplete root treatment to be added to Determination 1.

Lanarkshire LDC

2. Increase NHS Commitment Payment Thresholds in line with Pay Uplift

This Conference regrets the decision by the Scottish Government to increase the Earning Thresholds by 6% for Commitment Payments but not simultaneously increasing the Quarterly Payment Levels; and urges NHS Commitment is properly respected by rectifying this with back pay and all future rises to be equal in both elements.

Tayside LDC

3. Revision of the NHS Commitment Calculation for Dental Practices

This conference demands Scottish Government revise their current method of calculating a practice's NHS commitment level.

Lanarkshire LDC

4. Commitment Payments immediately post VT

This conference demands that the NHS commitment payment, currently paid to GDPs after 5 years of NHS service, is paid to GDPs from when they receive a list number immediately after VT.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

5. Pay Uplift for Allowances *(P)

This Conference believes pay rises for NHS dentists should be applied to CPD and other allowances that compensate for working time, not just Determination 1, and calls for the Scottish Government to apply this across all future revisions to the Statement of Dental Remuneration.

Tayside LDC

6. Increase in Continuous Professional Development Allowance *(P)

This conference demands an increase in the Continuous Professional Development Allowance from 6 to 10 sessions per year. This is necessary to allow some flexibility and choice of topics other than core topics like IRMER and Medical Emergencies and enable us to construct a wider Personal Development Plan.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

7. Confirmation of Maternity Allowance within 6 weeks of GP203 Submission *(P)

This conference demands that dentists claiming NHS maternity pay receive written confirmation of their entitlement, along with the working calculation, within 6 weeks of submission of form GP203.

Lanarkshire LDC

8. Recruitment and Retention Crisis *(P)

This conference believes the current recruitment crisis across registrants in dentistry has been evident for a number of years, largely ignored by SG and the CDO and must be addressed and funded urgently.

Forth Valley LDC

9. Mentoring for EU Dentists coming to work in Scotland

This conference demands more support and mentoring for inexperienced dentists coming to work in Scotland from EU countries.

Lothian LDC

10. Dental Hygienist Training *(P)

This conference demands that hygienist training is reinstated in Scotland, as a matter of urgency. Only having Hygiene/Therapy training in Scotland ignores the importance of the hygienist role and contributes to the imbalance in skills mix and the recruitment crisis. We require a trained workforce to deliver periodontal care to patients.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC and Forth Valley LDC

11. Childsmile Nurse Training

We call on the Scottish Government to increase provision for regional training of Childsmile nurses.

Fife LDC

12. GDP Training for Simple Oral Surgery Procedures *(P)

This conference demands training for GDPs to be able to perform simple oral surgery procedures in practice, including surgical extractions. This will reduce secondary care waiting times & improve patient care.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

13. Skill Mix Integration

This conference regrets the lack of progress in the integration of all the members of the dental team within the current Scottish NHS system and urges the Scottish Government to expedite the reform required to achieve this.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

14. Full-Scale review of Domiciliary Care Provision

This Conference calls for a Full-Scale review of Domiciliary Care provision and the creation of a uniform, nationally agreed, evidence-based set of Standards and Protocols, to allow best care to be provided for this growing patient group.

Lanarkshire LDC

15. Training and Reimbursement for Domiciliary Care *(P)

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. Ongoing CPD should be provided for existing enhanced skills practitioners.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

16. Paediatric General Anaesthetic Waiting Times *(P)

This conference calls for the Government to allocate funding in addition to the current dental funding specifically to reduce paediatric GA waiting limes to below pre-Covid levels.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

17. Oral Medicine Consultants / Specialist Shortage *(P)

This conference demands the workforce plan for oral medicine consultants/specialists is urgently reviewed due to the historical and ongoing shortage.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC

18. National Insurance Contributions Increase from April 2025

This conference demands that Scottish Government provides additional funding to GDS to cover the increases in employers National Insurance. Failure to do so will seriously impact the sustainability and viability of NHS dental practice.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde LDC and Fife LDC

19. Increased Resource for the Scottish Public Pensions Authority

This conference calls on the Scottish Government to provide increased and appropriate resources to ensure the Scottish Public Pensions Authority is fit for purpose.

Lanarkshire LDC

20. NHS Pension Scheme for all Dental Care Professionals in GDS

This conference calls for dental care professionals treating NHS patients in general practice to be entitled to membership of the NHS pension scheme.

Ayrshire and Arran LDC

21. Superannuation Deductions and the Maternity Allowance

This conference demands that superannuation deductions from dentists' maternity allowance be calculated using the same formula as ordinary schedules and do not exceed the maximum percentage band as set by the Scottish Public Pensions Authority.

Lanarkshire LDC