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LDC Conference 2016

LDC Secretaries are reminded that registrations for this year's annual conference close this Friday (15 April).

As you know this year's conference will take place in Manchester and will span two days with arrival on Thursday 9 June at 12 noon and departure on Friday 10 June after lunch at 1.30pm

Please visit www.ldcuk.org before the closing date to register your representatives and order dinner tickets.

The deadline for motions and nominations to GDPC is also this Friday. Should you need any information to finalise your motions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The room reservation deadline is Friday 22 April. After this unallocated rooms will be released back to the hotel so availability and preferential rates cannot be guaranteed.
(<http://www.ldcuk.org/bookings/hotel-bookings>)

New national LDC Website

Members will recall from Officials' Day that the GDPC-LDC Regional Liaison Group is sponsoring a national LDC website. This aims to complement the content on LDC and Federation websites - with the emphasis on providing a forum for LDC officers to share information and good practice. The national website would also showcase LDC initiatives and signpost dentists to relevant LDCs more effectively.

The BDA IT team is undertaking the development work on the site and is currently building the database that will underpin the development of the member only forum.

LDC Secretaries are asked to assist by providing details of current committee members (name, email address, role) to alexandra.cenic@bda.org.

Initial thoughts on website visuals will be circulated shortly but suggestions or examples from your own committees are welcome at any stage.

GDPC Meeting

The General Dental Practice Committee next meets on 6th May and a report will be sent through by your representative as soon as possible after the meeting. The agenda is likely to include items on contract reform, new models of care and Satisfactory Completion of DFT.

On the issue of GDPC – LDC reporting, the attached spreadsheet lists the situation as we in the office understand it. Please do not hesitate to raise questions if you feel that this misrepresents the situation in your area.

Sustainability and transformation plans

LDC Officers will be aware of NHS England's [Five Year Forward View](#) vision and the [planning guidance](#) designed to bring the vision to fruition.

As part of the planning process, health service leaders in 44 newly designated areas are being asked to develop five-year place-based plans [Sustainability and Transformation Plans \(STPs\)](#) covering all areas of NHS-commissioned care in their area (including by working closely with colleagues in local government).

The idea is that some of the challenges being faced are just too large to be tackled by single economies in isolation, and instead could be better and more effectively solved in partnership with neighbouring economies on a larger scale.

While the guidance for sustainable transformation plans focuses mainly on NHS services, developing a credible plan will require the NHS to work closely with social care, public health and other local government services, as well as third sector organisations and members of the local community.

LDCs are encouraged to find out what is happening in their areas. Each footprint should already have done some initial work on the scale of the challenge locally for each of the three gaps (Health and Wellbeing, Care and Quality and Funding and Efficiency).

Footprints are now focusing on more of the detail and the actions required to close the three gaps (Health and Wellbeing, Care and Quality and Funding and Efficiency) over the next five years.

Each area must submit their STP by June 30th 2016.

Information on new entrants to the Performer List in your area

Capita which is now responsible of NHS England's primary care support services (now known as Primary Care Support England or PSCE) is introducing a standardised process for collecting information on new entrants to the Performer's List.

LDCs can now receive details of new performers to their local area (where performers have agreed to share their contact details.)

Capita staff have asked that have asked LDC officers wishing to receive this information to confirm this together with the area covered and the email address of the appropriate person to send the information to, by emailing PCSEngland@capita.co.uk.

LDC Officers are asked to send any general comments or questions on this request to alexandra.cenic@bda.org so that a joint response can be made.

NHS LA Decision

In February the NHS LA released a decision regarding the conversion of PDS Plus Agreements to GDS Contracts. A full copy of the decision can be found by following [this link](#): <http://www.nhs.uk/primarycare/documents/18215%20et%20a%20-%20Dispute%20Resolution%20Dental.pdf> The decision stated that where PDS Plus Agreement was the subject of an application to convert to a GDS Contract the conversion should be based in the service element of the contract but that there is an obligation to ensure the service is "safe and viable".

Company Law Update

New rules came into force on 1st April 2016 which required all those with a significant interest in a company to be detailed in a register and this register should be filed with Companies House by 30th June 2016. More detail can be [found at](#): <https://www.bda.org/dentists/advice/ba/Documents/Companies%20and%20LLPs%20-%20Mar%202016.pdf>

Changes to the FP17 form

- DMF- From 1st April 2016 the BSA has added a series of questions to gather information the number of decayed, filled or missing teeth. Guidance on the new FP17 can be found by following [this link](#):

<http://www.nhs.uk/primarycare/documents/18215%20et%20a%20-%20Dispute%20Resolution%20Dental.pdf>

The GPCP opposed the introduction of this new measure, which will not be a contractual requirement until 2017/18.

- Paper Forms - The BDA has received reports that those ordering stationary via the new portal are seeing indications that they will be charged. The BDA understands this is not the case and it is instead a glitch with the new system.

Industrial Action

Industrial action is continuing, based on the overwhelming ballot in favour of action the relevant BDA hospital members went on strike on the 6th and 7th April and the BDA is calling further action on the 26th and 27th April, at the same time as the BMA.

GDPC-LDC Regional Liaison Group

The regional liaison group met on Friday 19 February and LDCs received presentations from John Milne on 'The future of dental service regulation' and Keith Percival on 'Dentists in Difficulty' (the latter attached for information).

The regional liaison group next meets on Friday 20 May and LDCs are encouraged to submit agenda items to their regional representatives (see below) or direct to the Secretary at LDCSupport@bda.org.

The regional representatives on the group are: Az Hyder (North East), Stuart Allan (North West), Alyn Morgan (Yorkshire and Humber), Sue Barber (East Midlands), Eddie Crouch (West Midlands), Michael Clarke (London), Barry Westwood (South East Coast), Andrew Taylor (South West), Keith Percival (Wessex) and Brett Sinson (South Central). Contact information can be found here: <https://www.bda.org/dentists/representation/gdps/ldcs/ldc-contacts>

BDA British Dental Conference and Exhibition 2016

Attend this year's BDA British Dental Conference and Exhibition in Manchester for over 130 sessions of quality learning. Gain 15 hours verifiable CPD; learn about the latest campaigns, technology and trends; and network with colleagues. www.bda.org/conference

The National Professional Dental Advisers Conference 2016

LDCs may also be interested in the National Professional Dental Advisers Conference taking place in Manchester on Friday November 18th. There is a strong line up of speakers and full details and booking information is attached.