



Dorset Local Dental Committee

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Dear colleagues

Every month a small levy is taken out of your NHS income to pay for the expenses of your Local Dental Committee, this is a statutory body set up by government to help give the government and the NHS commissioners a body which they can communicate with about NHS dentistry.

The LDC is your committee giving you a voice to communicate and have your say how dentistry is run. It also communicates information out, trying to inform and educate. The LDC has committee meetings between four and five times a year on a Tuesday evening. You are paid to attend, and it will give you the opportunity to sit on other committees which makes decisions about secondary services that you access- such as the community dental service and oral surgery as well as the IFR referral system.

The committee also runs a PASS Scheme (Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme) which helps dentists in difficulty. This committee has members on national committees which communicate with the government about pay and conditions in NHS Dentistry.

The LDC has also started running dental courses which you may wish to come to or get involved in running, you may have ideas of speakers that you wish to come down.

Please give some thought about standing for this committee we are always looking for new members.

You will find in this pack information about how you can put yourself forward. If you wish to contact me further about the election, please do not hesitate to contact me. My telephone number is 07706 146033.

The LDC has a website www.dorsetandldc.org and a Telegram group (this can be accessed by downloading the app onto your phone) the group name is Dorset LDC, it is open access and you should just be able to join, if you cannot text me your number and I will send you the link.

Last year the LDC ran courses and training to enable dentists to fit test FFP3 masks- this training was funded by you. But without your support and engagement the LDC may not be the committee you wish for.

Lastly you do need an NHS performer number to be eligible for the election.

Kind regards,

JONATHAN MYNORS-WALLIS LDC chair