

# Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme

Protecting Patients

Supporting Dentists

## Dorset PASS

### Annual Report 2018/2019

The Dorset PASS Scheme was launched in March 2009 at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Dental Committee (LDC). The PASS Scheme's main objectives are to identify practitioners who are experiencing work-related issues or whose performance gives cause for concern and to provide skilled support and guidance to help resolve these problems.

The Group comprises of four LDC members and a lay person. PASS is recognised by both the General Dental Council and the British Dental Association. It is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998 and all of its members work within a framework "Code of Practice" incorporating the Caldicott Guidelines on Confidentiality.

To publicise the Scheme I have given presentations to the dental nurses who are currently in training at Bournemouth and Poole College and to dental nurses and hygienists currently being trained in Portsmouth. I have also tried to arrange to visit the Foundation Dentists in Salisbury but unfortunately all my emails have gone unanswered. . Mentoring has been provided in the form of support with Performance Development Plans, Reflection letters, record keeping. The chair also successfully completed a coach mentoring course ,which will enable her to deal with more complex cases which involve the GDC .In the past three years there has been a rise in the number of cases that PASS has been involved with .

This is the Group's tenth year in operation, during which it has been involved in nine cases. Four were self-referral, one case was referred by a concerned

colleague while the remaining cases were referred by the Area Team South (Wessex).

The Dorset LDC has kindly agreed to fully fund the scheme from the proceeds of the statutory levy (subject to the approval of the Area Team South (Wessex)) for the financial year 2019-2020.

***PASS: A Local Dental Committee / NHS England partnership that is working to assure the public, politicians and the profession that the issue of performance is being responsibly addressed.***

#### **PASS referrals 2017/2018– Anonymised**

<b>Cases</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Case 40	06/04/17	01/11/17	Referred by the Area Team. Successfully completed.
Case 41	26/06/17	01/03/18	Referred by a concerned colleague. Successfully completed.
Case 42	31/08/17	31/08/17	Self-referral. Successfully completed.
Case 43	07/12/17	01/02/18	Referred by the Area Team. Successfully completed.
Case 44	09/01/18	29/01/18	Referred by the Area Team, Dentist declined to be involved with PASS
Case 45	09/02/18	12/02/18	Referred by a concerned colleague. Successfully completed.
Case 46	4/10/19	4/10/19	Self-referral Successfully completed
Case 47	3/1/19	17/1/19	Referred by the Area team Successfully completed

Case 48	3/1/19	4/3/19	Referred by the Area Team Successfully completed
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### **PASS Referrals by Year**

Year	Referrals	Completed	Ongoing
2009/2010	6	4	2
2010/2011	5	7	0
2011/2012	3	3	1
2012/2013	3	3	0
2013/2014	1	1	0
2014/2015	3	3	0
2015/2016	4	4	0
2016/2017	8	6	2
2017/2018	6	6	0
2018/2019	9	9	0