



Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme

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Supporting Dentists

Dorset PASS

Annual Report 2019/2020

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 visited the Foundation Dentists in Salisbury . . Mentoring has been provided in the form of support with Performance Development Plans, Reflection letters and record keeping. The chair has updated her skills in mentoring having attended a refresher course in mentoring run by Health Education England, which will enable her to deal with more complex cases which involve the GDC .She also intends to attend the Inaugural conference in London titled Preparing for a GDC hearing .

This is the Group’s eleventh year in operation, during which it has been involved in four cases. Two were self-referral, one case was referred by a concerned colleague while the remaining case was 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 South West Area Team) for the financial year 2020-2021.

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 2019/2020– Anonymised

Cases	Start	End date	Status
Case 49	07/11/19	10/2/20	Referred by the Area Team. Successfully completed.
Case 50	13/01/20	20/01/20	Self referral ,needing help to write a reflection letter
Case 51	15/01/20	15/01/20	Self-referral. Unable to help so referred to the post graduate Dean
Case 52	11/02/20		Referred by a concerned colleague ,ongoing

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
2019/2020	4	3	1