

SDA Summit
The future of NHS GDS
16 March 2021
1200-1430



Background

This course will be a round table discussion with three leading experts in Dental Public Health. The speakers are:

1. Tom Ferris, CDO Scotland
2. Professor Philip Taylor, Dean of Dental Surgery RCS Edinburgh
3. Professor Cynthia Pine CBE, Emerita Professor Dental Public Health QMUL

The main purpose of this seminar is to hear the views and opinions of the speakers but additionally, this is a call to every dental professional to put forward questions or strategies which they think must be considered.

The focus of the discussions will relate to:

- The current state of Scotland's Dental Public Health (DPH).
- The impact of the SDR on DPH.
- The impact of the SDR on Scottish dental professionals.
- How to build patient centred and cost-effective General Dental Services (GDS), fit for the 21st century.

The discussions will aim to cover the immediate changes to clinical practice presented by the rise of COVID-19 and the potential impact on Scottish General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) post-pandemic.

Full service (but by no means 'normal') NHS dentistry resumed on 01/11/2020 but a return to the previous high volume / fast pace treatment model is unlikely.

With the promise of real change on the horizon, it is imperative that the profession engage fully at this critical moment to ensure that the best possible outcomes can be achieved for ourselves, our patients and for the future of the profession.

Timetable

1200	Welcome and SDA Introduction by Douglas Thain
1215	Tom Ferris CDO
1230	Professor Philip Taylor
1245	Professor Cynthia Pine CBE
1300	Round table with Brendan Murphy and Cameron McLarty
1330	Questions, Answers, and Ideas from delegates to be submitted in advance to hello@thescottishdentalassociation.co.uk
1425	Closing remarks and post course survey.
1430	End

Aims

1. Facilitation of dialogue between profession and Government on how a more patient, preventive and health focused system can be designed.
2. Promotion of Improved patient outcomes by means of renewed GDS provision.

Objectives

1. Begin dialogue both within and out with dentistry on how the SDR can be made fit for purpose.
2. Provide a forum for our CDO to outline his vision for the future, with opportunity for the profession to respond.
3. Allow our dental association to present itself more widely and encourage further involvement of colleagues towards an improved SDR.

Learning outcomes

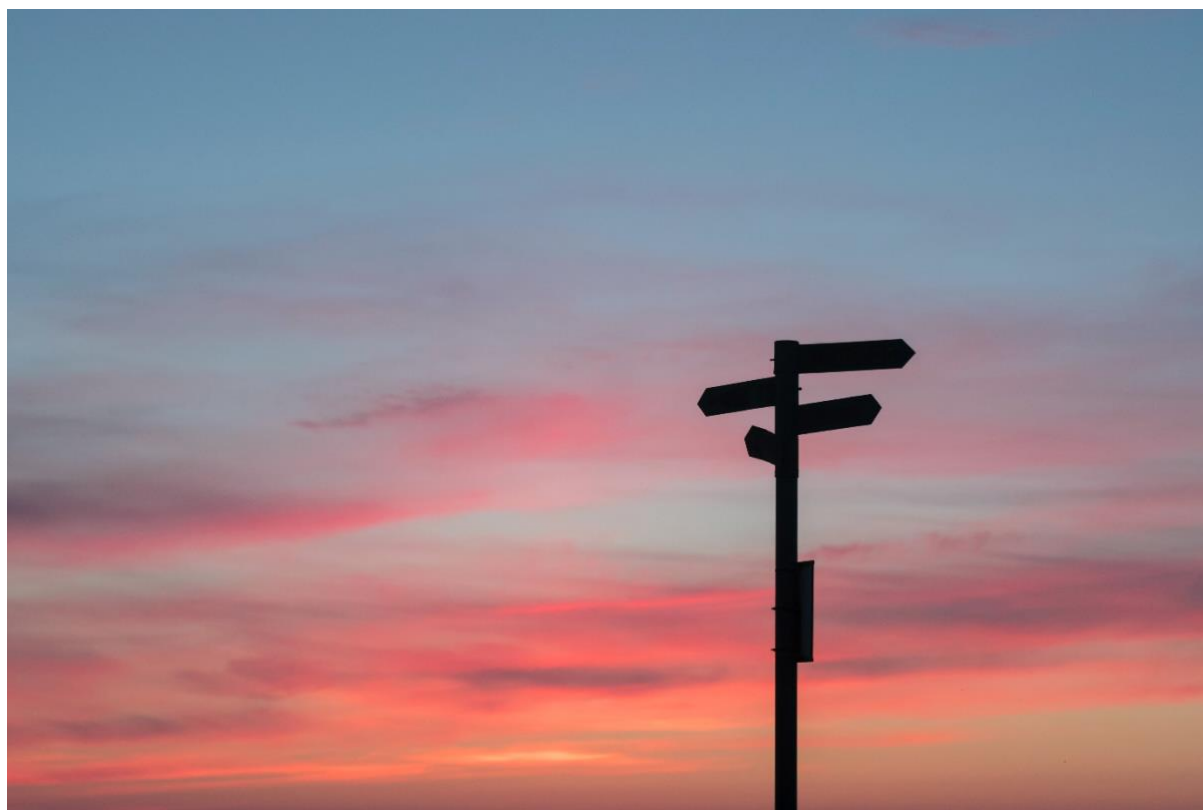
1. An understanding of the current concerns around NHS GDS, especially the perceived problems with the current SDR.
2. Improved understanding of how GDS might be better structured to prevent disease and fairly remunerate treatment providers.
3. Better knowledge and understanding of the DPH issues pertaining to a potentially very different system.
4. Exploring options for further reflection and consultation on how the profession articulates with the NHS.

Additional Course Information

GDC Development Outcomes	A, B, C, D
Enhanced CPD	2.5 hours
CPDA Approved	1 session*
Fee	Free
Venue	Webinarjam

*CPDA is only claimable if the session is watched live.

Who are the Scottish Dental Association?



The Scottish Dental Association is a new body formed by a group of like-minded dentists who wish to have Scottish dental matters discussed, negotiated, and actioned with the input of all Scottish dental professionals.

One of our goals in organising this event is to create a platform on which we can initiate discussions on the future direction of what is a large part of our professional careers, and once consensus is reached, we as a group may be able represent those views in future consultations.

We want a collective voice that can engage with the relevant bodies; Local Dental Committees, British Dental Association, and the Scottish Government to improve the delivery and quality of dental treatment in Scotland and improve morale within dental teams.

Improving oral health awareness amongst the public whilst protecting the best interests of patients and the profession is paramount. An association of members is important to achieve this. Dedicated individuals have volunteered their time and energy into founding the SDA. We aim to establish a transparent organisation that welcomes the input of its members to drive changes. We would encourage anyone who wishes to be part of this movement to get in touch.

Tom Ferris



Dr Tom Ferris qualified from Glasgow in 1982 and has worked in general practice, hospital service and in the salaried service in Scotland and in the hospital service in Malta.

He was seconded to Scottish Government as Deputy Chief Dental Officer from his substantive posts with NHS Forth Valley and NHS Education for Scotland in 2010 and is currently Chief Dental Officer during the interregnum.

He has been involved in the development of the Oral Health Improvement Strategy for Priority Groups (2012) and the Oral Health Improvement Plan (2018).

Professor Phillip Taylor



Philip Taylor is Emeritus Professor of Prosthodontics at QMUL where he was an Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and former Clinical Director at Barts Health NHS Trust. He was a specialist in Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics.

Philip qualified in 1981 from Newcastle Dental School and spent 12 years in NHS general practice in the North East of England where he gained his MGDS. In 1993 he moved to London to begin his specialty training gaining his MSc at the Eastman alongside the MRD and FDS examinations.

After spending seven years in a combination of private referral practice in the West End of London and as lecturer at QMUL he was promoted to consultant level in 2003 and Professor in 2016. He has been president of the British Society of Prosthodontics and the British Association of Teachers in Conservative Dentistry along with several examinerships and roles on national committees.

“I really want to give back to the emerging profession as much as I have been lucky enough to receive over my career from innumerable angles. I will have retired from clinical practice but think the leadership skills I have invested in will be something I can continue to use to steer the Dental Faculty to even greater things.”

Professor Cynthia Pine CBE



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Cynthia Pine CBE is Emerita Professor in Dental Public Health at QMUL; NHS Consultant in Dental Public Health at Salford Royal Hospital NHS Trust; Visiting Scholar at Queen's University, Belfast; and Visiting Lead Practitioner in Dental Education and Research at the Oracle Dental Group. Cynthia is on the GDC Specialist List in Dental Public Health and was first appointed Consultant in 1993 when working in Tayside.

She was appointed Senior Lecturer at the Dental School, University of Dundee in 1992, Reader in 1997, and awarded a Personal Chair in 2001, becoming Professor in Dental Public Health. Her research is with children and families and focusses on the prevention of childhood dental caries. During her time in Dundee, she was the national standard examiner for the training and calibration programmes in dental caries for the National Dental Epidemiology Programme. She conducted the Tayside Brushing Study with Dr Morag Curnow in Tayside. The results informed the extension of the Childsmile programme to schools in high caries-risk communities.

In 2003, Cynthia Pine became the first woman to be appointed Dean of a UK Dental School, taking up the post at The Dental School, University of Liverpool. Cynthia has worked with Departments of Health in England and Scotland and internationally as a Director of a World Health Organisation's Collaborating Centre for Oral Health. She undertakes research and teaching, is a member of the Essex Local Dental Network working with general dental practitioners across Essex.

"We are developing a clinical trial that will involve 40 general dental practices in evaluating a new preventive approach. This work supports my recent appointment as Visiting Lead Practitioner in Dental Education and Research at the Oracle Dental Group, with dental practices in Essex. I am working with Nick Barker, Essex LDN Chair. We are completing an audit across the East of England of dentistry delivered in the Urgent Dental Care Centres during the pandemic including the impact of restricted/no AGPs on dental prescribing."