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New body to lead the General Dental Council

The composition of a new 12 member body to lead the General Dental Council (GDC), the UK regulator of the dental profession, is announced today.

The appointments to the new Council, which will take up office in October 2013, have been approved by the Privy Council. It is made up of 6 lay and 6 dental professional members and includes individuals from each of the four countries of the UK. A member for Wales has not yet been appointed and a further campaign to recruit to this position will be launched as soon as possible.

Bill Moyes, the first appointed Chair of the GDC, said:

“I’m delighted to welcome the appointment of the new Council Members to the GDC. We had an excellent response with nearly 300 applicants who went through a robust selection process. The members appointed have impressive track records and will bring a wide range of skills to the GDC and I very much look forward to working with them.

The GDC plays a critical role in protecting patients and maintaining public confidence in dental regulation. The new Council will lead the GDC as it addresses the challenges facing regulation and will ensure it continues as a leader in healthcare regulation, trusted by the public and with the needs of patients at the heart of its activities.

The current Council steps down on the 30 September 2013 and I would like to thank Chair Kevin O’Brien and those existing Council Members who are departing for the invaluable service they have provided and their contribution to the GDC’s recent achievements.”

The GDC controls entry to the dental registers; assures the quality of dental education; sets standards of practice for dental professionals and investigates complaints from the public about lapses of standards.

The role of the Council is to provide strategic leadership to the GDC, working with the executive.

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Notes to editors:

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Dental professional members’ biographies

1. Margaret Kellett

Dr Kellett is a qualified dentist and has spent her career to date within the University of Leeds and the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust. Her roles have included Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer and Consultant in Restorative Dentistry (1991 to present), and she is currently Dean of School and Directorate Manager for NHS Unit for Leeds Dental Institute.

2. Lawrence Mudford

Lawrence Mudford was a Principal in General Dental Practice from 1988 to 2010. He currently holds a range of roles at KSS Deanery including Regional Dental Tutor for Advanced Dental Training and Education. In addition, he is an Associate in a practice. Since 2008 he has also undertaken various roles at the Faculty of General Dental Practice UK.

3. Jayendra Patel

Since 2006, Jayendra Patel has been business partner and Principal of Clarendon Dental Spa in Leeds. He also undertakes a range of additional roles including being a trainer for foundation dentists, Examiner for the MFDS examinations at the Royal College of Surgeons Glasgow, as well as commitment to charity work and a part of PCT working groups in the Yorkshire area.

4. David Smith (returning registrant member)

David Smith is a registered dental technician and since 1992 has been Managing Director of Phoenix Dental Castings Ltd. In addition, he spent 15 years at the Dental Laboratories Association. David is currently an honorary lecturer at Peninsula Dental School, Council member of the GDC and is Chair of the GDC’s Policy Advisory Committee.

5. Jason Stokes

Since 2007, Jason Stokes has been the owner of The Cathedral Street Dental Practice in Norwich. In addition, he undertakes a range of other roles including Dental Foundation Training Programme Director at the East of England Deanery (since 2000), Fitness to Practise Panel Member at the GDC (since 2004) and Chair of the Norfolk Local Dental Committee.

6. Registrant Candidate – Vacant

We will be launching a further campaign to recruit this person as soon as possible. This person will need to live or work in Wales in order to meet the GDC’s constitutional requirements as set out within the Dentists Act 1984.

Lay members’ biographies

7. Geraldine Campbell

Until 2007 Geraldine Campbell was the Chief Executive of The Centre (HIV support and sexual health education) in Belfast. She has since been engaged in a significant number of appointments and interests, including: Lay representative with the Northern Ireland Medical Dental Training Agency, Member of the General Osteopathic Council, Member of Northern
Ireland Committee of the Big Lottery Fund, and Member of the Council of The Northern Ireland Social Care Council.

8. Michael Carroll

Michael Carroll retired from the role of UK Operations Director with Novartis (pharmaceuticals) in 2008. He has since developed a portfolio of appointments and has, until recently, been a Non-Executive Director of the Health Protection Agency. Other roles include MHRA Independent Expert Panellist (arbitration) and a Trustee of St Barnabas Hospices in Sussex.

9. Rosemary Elizabeth Carter (returning lay member)

Rosemary Carter’s professional career is as a Consulting solicitor and mediator advising on predominantly family cases with Kerseys Solicitors. She has a number of appointments including: non Lay member of the Office for Legal Complaints and Lay member of the Ombudsman Services Panel. She has been a member of the General Dental Council since 2009 and currently chairs the Remuneration Committee.

10. Alan MacDonald (returning lay member)

Since 2009, Alan MacDonald has been a member of the General Dental Council and Chair of its Audit Committee. His business interests extend to being Director and Deputy Chief Executive of Dunadd Asset Management Limited and Non-Executive Chair of Voice Technologies Limited. He is a solicitor by profession.

11. Neil Stevenson (returning lay member)

Neil Stevenson has been employed by The Law Society of Scotland since 2004 and is currently the Director of Representation and Professional Support. He is currently a GDC Council Member; a columnist for The Scotsman; a Director of the Scottish Arbitration Centre, and is an Advisor on Equality and Diversity with the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland.