

September Study Days

Tuesday 30 September 2025

Venue: Steeple Suite, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim, BT41 2UB

Time: 10:00-17:00

Time	Topic	Facilitator
10:00	Working as a Dental Foundation Dentist in the Health Service in Northern Ireland This will take the form of some information giving and some small group working. Aim - To give an overview of the Health Service in Northern Ireland and clinical governance as they relate to working in general dental practice. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To outline the structure of the HSC in NI.• To outline the role of SPPG within the GDS including monitoring processes.• To outline and discuss the importance of record keeping.• To outline and discuss prescribing within dentistry including clinical prescribing, antimicrobial stewardship, and practical advice.• To outline governance issues of importance to new FDs. GDC Development Outcomes B & D	William Priestley & David Marshall Dental Advisers, Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG)
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	An Introduction to the Business Services Organisation & An Overview of Dental Payments Aim - To provide an overview of the BSO and its business areas. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To discuss and outline the BSO's business areas and functions.• To discuss the HSC Network.• To discuss the FPPS Dental Portal.• To discuss dental payments and Top Sheet. GDC Development Outcome B	Payments Team Business Services Organisation, Belfast

14:30	<p>An Introduction to NIMDTA's Trainee Services</p> <p>Aim To provide dental foundation dentists with an overview of the professional support unit and the services which can be accessed to support progression through training.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of the potential influencing factors which can contribute to challenges in training. • Knowledge of your role in recognising the need for and accessing of support. • Define the role of the Professional Support Unit. • Understand the role of occupational health. <p>GDC Development Outcome D</p>	<p>Mary Murnaghan Associate Dean, Professional Support and Wellbeing, NIMDTA, Belfast</p>
15:30	Break	
15:45	<p>Working Together to Tackle Fraud in Health and Social Care</p> <p>Aims and Objectives To provide an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what fraud can look like in the Health Service in Northern Ireland? • the role of dental practitioners and their responsibilities in relation to the payment of statutory dental charges by patients. • examples of criminal investigations in relation to fraud involving primary care practitioners. <p>GDC Development Outcomes A, B & D</p>	<p>Mike Davis & Martin Wills Counter Fraud Services, Business Services Organisation, Belfast</p>
16:45	<p>APLAN</p> <p>Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce the APLAN online learning platform. • To provide information on the 3 types of APLAN cases. • Overview of format and presentations required for APLAN cases. • To provide feedback from previous participants. <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how to access the APLAN on line learning platform. • Identify suitable cases for APLAN 1,2 and 3. • Be aware of the process for consenting patients. • Recognise the value of anonymous feedback. <p>GDC Development Outcomes A, B, C & D</p>	<p>Alison Johnston Adviser on General Dental Practice, NIMDTA, Belfast</p>
17:00	Finish	