Framework established for Steele recommendations

The framework for implementing the recommendations of the Steele review into NHS dentistry has been established by the Department of Health (DoH).

According to the implementation structure, there will be five work streams that the Programme Board will be looking into:

- Pathway, Quality & Workforce Development
- Commissioning Development & Business Support
- Contract Pilots and Evaluation
- Communications, Patient Empowerment & Information
- Finance

Stakeholders from across the profession have been invited to participate across the streams, including SHAs/PCTs, Clinicians (including Dentists and DCPs), Deanseries, NHS Choices/Direct, DoH, Patient Groups etc.

One group who has extended their support across the board is the British Dental Association (BDA). The BDA has committed their support across the board in difficult financial times, there seems to be a commitment to maintain the momentum of the review, and the Health Select Committee report which preceded it.

“Clearly, I am delighted to see that, even in difficult financial times, there seems to be a commitment to maintain the momentum of the review, and the Health Select Committee report which preceded it.”

Lead author of the review, Prof Jimmy Steele, said: “I was personally delighted at the recent GDPC meeting where we agreed to endorse the committee’s engagement in taking forward the Steele recommendations.”

Dr Milne added: “There is a huge amount of work to be done. We need to rebuild some trust between the groups involved in NHS dentistry and have the courage to grasp the opportunities the Steele review has presented us with to improve dental services.

“There are five main work streams and there will be an executive Committee member on each of them. We have also committed to bringing another GDPC member to each of the work streams and will provide deputies as well if needed.”

Winning smiles

A dentist from Washington has won the 2009 FDI & Wrigley Photographic Award.

Dr Koray Feran

Dr Koray Feran has been elected unopposed as the Association of Dental Implantology’s (ADI) committee representative for London until 2011.

He said: “I am delighted to add ADI committee representative for London to my posts and look forward to supporting my peers and improving the standards of implant dentistry through continued education as well as encouraging scientific research.”

Dr Feran’s other roles include section editor on Implant Dentistry Today, and guest lecturing on aspects of Implantology in the UK and abroad.

Practice Makes Perfect

Customers of Practice Plan, are helping man its stand at this year’s Dental Showcase.

Nigel Jones, sales and marketing director, said: “We are fortunate to have such a great bunch of customers and some of them have volunteered their time to explain to visitors how we support them in their practice. They will tell you how the personalised support and additional services we offer make it easier for them to run their business, plan for their future and take their practice where they want it to go.”

Practice Plan is even transforming its stand into a cocktail lounge.