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Dear hospital based colleague

The BDA represents hospital based colleagues (by which we mean, consultant, SaS and trainees who are on the Dental Register) through the Central Committee for Hospital Dental Services (CCHDS). In readiness for the 2015 – 2018 triennium the structure of CCHDS is radically changing. Enclosed overleaf is a visio illustrating the new committee structure.

To ensure that the committee is more workforce proportionate and to encourage wider participation CCHDS will now predominantly comprise of;

- Ten England based consultant representatives elected from an England-wide list.
- Six England based SaS representatives elected from an England-wide list.
- One consultant and one SaS grade will also be elected from each of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- One trainee from each of the following specialist societies; OMFS, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Paediatric dentistry, Restorative dentistry and one from the Joint Meeting of Dental Faculties.

As you can see, the Regional Committees for Hospital Dental Services (RCHDS) are no longer used as a constituency base. Where RCHDS' exist they will continue with their educational and scientific programmes but the responsibility of electing negotiating and policy leaders will be given to the majority of hospital members.

Non-members are entitled to seek election, but in the first instance the BDA member database will be used to determine the electorate for any necessitated ballots.

Please do take a moment to consider whether you would like to stand for election and help the BDA better represent hospital dentistry and dentists. If you have any questions do please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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