

GDC Fitness to Practice: 'A dreadful experience'

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Dr Edwin Scher has maintained a private implant referral practice since 1986. He is a world re-known lecturer and has run the 'Implantology Year Course' training programme for the past 25 years at his practice in

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Dr Stephen Henderson BDS, LL.M., FFGDP

Stephen is a full-time Senior Dento-Legal Adviser and a Specialist in Oral Surgery. He qualified in London in 1984 and went on to have five years full-time experience in hospital dentistry, followed by eleven years part-time (mainly in the oral and maxillofacial surgery department in Oxford) and he still works part-time in practice. Stephen has more than 25 years' experience in general dental and oral surgery referral practice. He was an elected member of Oxfordshire LDC (between 1992 and 2004) and LDC Chairman between 1995 and 2003. Stephen joined the DPL team in 2000 as a part-time adviser, becoming a full time adviser in 2007.

In 2005 he completed a Masters in Medical Law which included a thesis about Regulatory Law.

Stephen regularly writes and lectures on oral surgery and dento-legal issues both within the UK and internationally.

Within the DPL team he is the lead for Regulatory cases. In this role he follows the activities of the GDC and the Professional Standards Authority on behalf of Dental Protection leading the team's responses to GDC Consultations, and attending key stakeholder meetings with the GDC Executive. Stephen is also DPL's Lead for members in Hong Kong.



In this session you will hear about the GDC's Fitness to Practice procedure from a registrant's perspective. You will learn what is involved both from a professional point of view and understand the significant impact upon the life of the registrant subject to investigation.

You will also hear from a Senior Dento-legal Adviser who deals with GDC cases on a daily basis and keeps a very close eye on what is going on at the GDC.

Course Objectives

- 1 Be able to describe the FTP procedure
- 2 Understand and explain the legal tests that should be applied to the facts of the case
- 3 Appreciate the steps they can take to reduce the risk of an investigation
- 4 Learn what the GDC is doing to reform the Fitness to Practise procedures