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LDC Confederation

About us

The LDC Confederation is a membership organisation for Local Dental Committees (LDCs) and is based in London. It was formed as the *Federation of London LDCs* in the 1970s, offering collective representation of LDCs, ensuring the LDCs were as efficient and as effective as possible.

The LDC Confederation works across most of Greater London for its [member LDCs](#). If you are unsure whether or not you are a constituent of an LDC which is a member of the LDC Confederation, you can see the list of [member LDCs](#) or you can [contact us](#) directly.

Dentists practising in areas in which their LDC is a member of LDC Confederation can contact us for [advice and support](#). There is a range of benefits for dentists who are covered by a Local Dental Committee which is a member of the LDC Confederation, which include:

- the representation of dentists (individually and collectively) who are members of their Local Dental Committee locally, regionally and nationally
- important updates via email for dentists and dental service providers (you must [subscribe](#))
- free and subsidised lectures and events for dentists, accredited with verifiable CPD
- bespoke [advice and support](#) for dentists and dental service providers (please [contact us](#) directly for these services)

For the LDCs themselves, the LDC Confederation offers its member LDCs a platform from which local issues can be raised quickly and regional and national issues can be dealt with effectively. We have a Council, which is formed by representatives from each member Local Dental Committee to lead our work, in line with the values and objective of our member LDCs.

Camden and Islington LDC

The Camden and Islington LDC is formed to represent dentists providing or performing NHS primary care dental services within the boroughs of Camden or Islington.

- There are 213 active NHS dentists in Camden (2016/17) and 136 in Islington (2016/17).



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- Practices in Camden saw 120,752 (50.1% of population) patients in 2016/17, in Islington 99,711 (43.8% of population).
- The LDC is actively engaged with Camden Healthwatch and provided support for the 2016 investigation into access to NHS dental care for BAME groups.
- The LDC is also actively engaged with Camden Council and has met with them to discuss the recent closure of an NHS dental practice in Kentish Town.
- The LDC is in the process of discussing with the Council how the LDC can support the Neighbourhood Assembly on Health and Wellbeing (Rubina Ahmed has agreed to liaise - we lack substantive detail on what this is or what is required but are in the process of setting up a meeting).

LDC Confederation activities

- Camden and Islington LDC is a member of the LDC, a membership body for 10 of the 15 LDCs in London.
- The LDC Confederation has submitted a response to the Mayor of London's Health Inequalities Strategy (2017) and Food Strategy (2018).
- In March 2019 the LDC Confederation submitted evidence to the Greater London Authority's Health Committee Investigation into children's oral health.
- Key recommendations included:
 - Appointment of children's oral health adviser to the Mayor to coordinate care in London
 - Appointment of a dentist to the Obesity Taskforce
 - A Mayoral led campaign to improve information about patient charges
 - Mayoral action to address shisha and betel nut use in London
 - Mayor to work with colleagues to amend legislation to permit money raised from the levy on sugary drinks to be used for oral health promotion
- Labour London Assembly Members (e.g. Andrew Dismore AM) have been very supportive and have raised these issues directly with the Mayor.



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KEY MESSAGES



- Support Local Dental Awareness Initiatives – Smile4Life, DCby1

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- Support efforts to divert 'Sugary drinks levy' funds towards oral health promotion
- Support initiatives that highlight awareness of the links between oral health and diabetes/cardiovascular disease



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