



Clinical Quality Improvement in Lanarkshire

Since 1993 Lanarkshire Dental Quality Improvement Committee, formerly known as Lanarkshire Dental Audit Committee, has facilitated peer-review clinical quality improvement through support and resources provided by Lanarkshire Health Board (NHSL).

LDQIC is chaired by Lesley Burnside, Senior Dental Officer in Lanarkshire Public Dental Service. The committee comprises of 6 GPs and a Public Dental Officer from Lanarkshire Public Dental Service. It is also supported by Albert Yeung, Consultant in Dental Public Health; Shelly Percival, Clinical Director of GDS and members of the Clinical Quality Department at NHSL.

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Quality improvement projects are developed by this Committee and are often approved through NHS Education for Scotland (NES). It is possible to submit an individual application for an audit project to the committee, but our preferred model involves group projects to include the element of peer review. All collected data is anonymised and collated then a report is produced by the group on the clinical topic, methodology, results, outcomes and changes in practice introduced following the project. Projects are developed to assist in the

implementation of guidelines when they have been released, and clinical topics specific to Dental Care Professionals are also facilitated.

LDQIC promotes Continuing Professional Development for dentists and their teams; at least two evening symposiums per year are planned for dentists, and at least one symposium for DCPs is arranged. One of the evening meetings will focus on a topic which has been the subject of a clinical quality improvement project when possible and the core subjects are regular topics for the symposiums.