

# THE BRITISH DENTAL GUILD

## Officials' Day: London

2nd December 2016

Dear Colleagues

In view of the need to sustain donations to the Guild we have composed this urgent end of year message to encourage your Local Dental Committee to please send us the funds that we need to support those who represent you nationally.

The BDG was established over 60 years ago to support and compensate those practitioners who generously give of their time to negotiate with the Department of Health and it ensured that this resource was independent of the British Dental Association (BDA) to promote a transparent representative funding stream.

Currently the BDG supports the General Dental Practice Committee (GDPC) which looks after the interests of all General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) and currently it pays out in the region of £250,000 per annum.

**In our last financial year we received less than £150,000 from LDCs** and although we have managed to increase our income from our investments we still have a resultant shortfall of £65,000. This situation is not sustainable as we have had to access our reserves to fulfill all of our commitments to the profession. We cannot continue to sell off our assets without further damaging our income.

Your GDPC representatives work very hard and spend a great deal of time away from their practices as they fulfill their elected commitments to negotiate with the Department of Health/NHS England and by communicating the concerns and opinions of 'grass root' dentists. The BDG is currently still able to compensate these representative members of the profession at the British Dental Guild Rate (BDGR) which is the respected funding benchmark within the profession and NHS England.

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE THAT SUPPORT YOU!**

**Please consider a figure of £25 per dentist per annum represented by your LDC.** The BDG Treasurer, Howard Jones can be contacted on:

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**Donations should be sent to:**

*20 Hesketh Road, Southport, Merseyside PR9 9PD*

Thank you for reading this and remember **YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO THE WORKING LIVES OF DENTAL TEAMS!**