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Dear Sir/Madam

### **BDA Policy on Community Health Partnerships**

The BDA has recently produced a policy document on Community Health Partnerships in Scotland and how they relate to dentistry.

I enclose for your information a copy of this policy and would welcome any observations you might have. In addition, I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss this issue in more detail.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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## **BDA policy on Community Health Partnerships (CHPs) in Scotland (May 2009)**

**The BDA recommends that:**

- since the awareness of CHPs about dental matters varies widely around Scotland, that CHPs should clarify their strategic role in the planning and development of dental services for their communities and clearly identify how this relates to the roles of their host NHS Board.
- any management or operational role for a CHP in the delivery of dental services should be developed cautiously and in full and wide discussion with representatives of the dental profession
- appropriate mechanisms through Area Dental Committees should be in place to determine the dental member on CHPs
- the role of dentists on CHPs should be clarified and training, for example in dental public health matters and governance issues, be provided
- reporting lines particularly with the Area Dental Committee for dental members on each CHP should be clarified
- dentists on CHPs should ensure that they liaise with all sectors of the dental community and not just the one in which they operate to ensure breadth of representation so that all aspects of dental and oral health are properly represented
- funding for loss of earnings of GPs on CHPs must be provided at the British Dental Guild Rate that is current at the time.
- CHPs should engage with the wider dental community through the dental members on CHPs
- the role of the CHP in relation to the development of health improvement programmes and/or oral health improvement programmes and other NHS Board initiatives should be clearly identified
- the relationship of a CHP to an Area Dental Committee and any other NHS Board committees should be clarified
- the relationship of a CHP to the NHS Board's consultant in Dental Public Health should be strengthened and clarified
- the role of CHPs in determining local dental workforce needs should be clarified with a linkage to all branches of the profession and the NHS Board