



FACULTY OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE (UK)
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FGDP(UK)'s New Dean sets out Ambitions for the Future

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is delighted to welcome Richard Hayward as its new Dean. Richard was formally admitted to office after an articulate speech at the FGDP(UK) Board meeting on 16 June, in which he stated his vision for the future of the faculty.

Having qualified in 1974, Richard spent 20 years in practice in the Royal Navy, where he took advantage of postgraduate education opportunities. He was a founder member of the FGDP(UK) and is a long-standing board member. Previously Vice Dean in 1999 and 2005/6, he has recently chaired the faculty's examinations committee.

In setting out his ambitions, Richard said, *'The FGDP(UK) has never been in a better position to help general dental practitioners, as well as the wider dental team, gain from education and assessment, and thereby raise the standards of patient care. I also believe that there is opportunity to strengthen the relationship between generalists and specialists wherever they practise. I look forward to progressing these initiatives.'*

Welcoming Richard's appointment, Immediate Past Dean, Mike Mulcahy, said, *'Richard is an asset to the FGDP(UK), bringing a breadth and depth of experience that will support the faculty as it continues to go from strength to*

strength. Furthermore, as a champion of flexible career opportunities for dentists, he is certain to build on the success of the faculty's Career Pathway.'

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The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is the academic home for general dental practitioners in the UK. Based at The Royal College of Surgeons of England, it aims to promote excellence in the standards of patient care in general dental practice by encouraging involvement in postgraduate training and assessment, education and research. The FGDP(UK) also recognises the value of the dental team in modern dentistry and actively supports the career development of dental care professionals.

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