



FACULTY OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE (UK)  
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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Registrants Triple on the FGDP(UK) Career Pathway**

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is delighted with the number of new participants joining its Career Pathway over the past year, helped by a recent free event to highlight the opportunities provided by the Pathway – a career development framework for general dental practitioners (GDPs).

Fully subscribed since early January, the Career Pathway Open Day drew dentists ranging from the recently qualified to the practice principal to hear how the Pathway can facilitate their professional development. Comprising three stages (Foundation, Stage 2 and Fellowship), the Pathway works through the accumulation of credits gained by completing FGDP(UK) and accredited non-FGDP(UK) postgraduate courses, certificates, diplomas and masters degrees. It also provides a route to Fellowship of the FGDP(UK) that is accessible and achievable for all GDPs, regardless of age or stage of career.

Richard Hayward, Dean of the FGDP(UK), said, "Unlike the secondary care sector where there has long been established a structure for career development, the career paths available in primary dental care have been less clearly defined. The FGDP(UK)'s Career Pathway may provide the answer to the question 'What next?' for GDPs considering their career beyond

a primary dental qualification and wishing to improve the quality of care for their patients."

Richard continues, "In bringing together postgraduate training and education in a flexible framework, the Pathway provides life-long learning and support, while enabling participants to progress at their own pace and with minimal time away from the practice. It also allows the development of special interests within primary dental care along the way."

Participation on the Pathway is open to all GDPs and the eligibility criteria is simple: a primary dental qualification (ie, BDS or equivalent) and membership of the FGDP(UK).

For further information on the Career Pathway, please contact Sally Hunter on 020 7869 6766 or [shunter@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:shunter@rcseng.ac.uk), or visit [www.fgdp.org.uk/career\\_pathway](http://www.fgdp.org.uk/career_pathway).

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The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is the academic home for general dental practitioners (GDPs) and dental care professionals (DCPs) 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) supports the career development of both GDPs and DCPs and recognises the value of an integrated dental team in modern dentistry.

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