



FACULTY OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE (UK)
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PRESS RELEASE

**NEW RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS FOR THE
FACULTY OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE (UK)**

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is pleased to announce the appointment of two Research Co-ordinators, Dr Paul Batchelor and Professor Ken Eaton.

A background in general practice led Paul into lecturing and clinical research and he is currently a senior lecturer at University College London and Course Director for the Faculty's Certificate in Dental Health Services Leadership and Management programme. An ex-general practitioner and periodontal specialist, Ken had a long career in the Royal Air Force before taking on national responsibility for dental education and training at the Department of Health and then as Director of the National Centre for Continuing Professional Education of Dentists. He is currently a visiting professor at the Eastman Dental Institute, University College London.

Dr Crawford Gray, chairman of FGDP(UK)'s research committee, is delighted to welcome Ken and Paul as Research Co-ordinators. 'This is a new appointment, intended to address the parlous state of academic research in this country by raising the profile of primary care research through fundraising and the promotion of research initiatives. Ken and Paul will establish a research strategy, foster links with academic units, engage with industry on collaborative projects and provide advice and educational support to research-interested GDPs. As both have been associated with the work of the

Faculty for several years – Paul through his work on our leadership and management programme and Ken through his involvement in publications, committees and editorship of our journals – I am confident that they will make a significant contribution to the Faculty in this field.'

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