

# LDC Confederation

## London Election Manifesto

A sustainable, valued and accessible NHS  
dental service in London

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The LDC Confederation wants a sustainable, valued and accessible NHS dental service in London. We unify the voice of our members to positively shape NHS dental services by influencing rules, policies and regulations. Oral health is integral to overall health.

Education and employment can suffer as a result of avoidable oral health issues. Untimely death can be avoided by early detection of fast growing oral cancers. Quality of life for those in care can be improved dramatically by ensuring that they are free from oral pain <sup>[1]</sup>.

Despite this NHS dental services remain on the periphery of the NHS. There is no coherent vision for NHS dentistry, no honesty about access problems. The London Assembly and Mayor of London have clear leadership roles to hold services to account on behalf of the people of London. We want to work with you to ensure that our world leading city has world leading dental care, valued and accessible to all.

## *We want a sustainable, valued and accessible NHS dental service in London*

**1.** Mayor and the London Assembly to champion the establishment of Centres for Dental Development as set out in the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. To work with the NHS and Integrated Care Boards to make suitable premises available and ensure long term funding.

**2.** Dentistry and oral health to be recognised in relevant reports from the Mayor's office and Greater London Authority, such as strategies to tackle obesity, health inequalities, healthy eating, etc.

**3.** London Assembly Members and the Mayor to receive annual reports from the Integrated Care Boards and Local Dental Committees on how they are engaging and working together, to ensure integration.

**4.** The Mayor to investigate how oral health inequalities are being addressed in each borough taking into account demographic variation, language and technological barriers.

**5.** All Health Committee enquiries to include a public review of the implementation of recommendations within the Mayoral period to ensure action has been taken.

**6.** The London Assembly Health Committee to hold an enquiry on older adult oral health, both in care homes and independent living.

[1] *Inequalities in oral health in England* Public Health England 2021 available from

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