

## **Clinical Chair of the Local Dental Network for NHS England South (South West)**

Local Professional Networks for dental, pharmacy and eye health were established by NHS England following the publication of Securing Excellence in Primary Care.

The work of Local dental networks (LDNs) is currently being reviewed by Eric Rooney, the deputy CDO, and it is anticipated that LDNs will have a strengthened role in supporting NHS England by joint development of commissioning priorities with robust clinical input through the use of managed clinical networks and provide clinical and professional leadership and facilitate wider clinical engagement across the network

Initially there were 27 networks, reflecting the administrative boundaries of the NHS England Area Teams at the time and recognising that all dental services (primary and secondary) are directly commissioned by NHS England and not by CCGs. As we now have one commissioning team responsible for the South West it has been decided that a single LDN would be a more pragmatic approach for the SW, considering the restraints of clinical commitments, administrative time and resources.

The SW LDN now comprises a core group consisting of the Clinical Chairs of the speciality managed clinical networks, local NHS dentists, NHS commissioners, Consultant in Dental Public Health and the local Postgraduate Dental Dean. The wider network consists of any registered dental professional or other person involved in dental services.

The Current Clinical Chair, Peter Howard-Williams is to retire in October of this year.

**NHS England ( South West ) is looking to recruit a clinical chair for the SW Local Dental Network.**

The applicant will hold a current dental qualification and be working within the South West region.

For further details please see the attached Job Description and Terms of Reference. If you wish to discuss this position please contact Andrew Harris on 07909099209 or Peter Howard-Williams on 07793062317

<b>TIME COMMITMENT:</b>	Up to a maximum of 4 sessions a week
<b>SALARY:</b>	In line with current experience and position. The Chair will not be directly employed by NHS England
<b>TO APPLY:</b>	To apply please provide your CV with a covering personal statement outlining your suitability for the post bearing in mind the attached person specification and Job Description.
<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>	Monday 14 th August 2017
<b>INTERVIEWS:</b>	Wednesday 6th September

**CVs and supporting statements should be emailed to [england.swdental@nhs.net](mailto:england.swdental@nhs.net) under the heading "LDN Chair Application" to be received by close of play on Monday 14th August 2017.**