

# THE BRIDGES DENTAL PRACTICE

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Dear Sir,

Following your excellent meeting  
for GPs on 6/2/04 I am glad that  
at least you appear to be listening  
to our profession.

The English system will not work  
as it will encourage 'superused neglect'  
and I'm pleased you seem to agree.

The long term future of NHS  
services will only survive if it is  
a) simplified b) funded properly  
and c) mixed with private/independent  
treatment.

We as a profession do not wish  
to abandon our N.H.S. commitments  
completely but work within a  
substantive framework to ensure the

Love income groups are dentally fit.  
We must stop 'wasting' money on  
those who do not care about their  
oral health, with broken appointments  
poor dent etc. ? deposits

I would welcome access centres for  
these patients for emergency treatment  
only, but they must 'pay' for this.  
We need 'active action' on the  
Scottish Diet eg confectionery taxes,  
removal of 'fizzy' juice from the  
schools; free milk (water) and fluoridation  
of the water supply especially in  
the 'worst' areas of Scotland.

I feel the best way forward  
for General Dental Practice, has  
to be a combination of capitation  
and item of service.

This is what is happening in  
the independent sector eg  
Practice Plan, Denplan Essentials.

This is the fairest system as

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It encourages regular attendance  
and rewards this with discounts  
for any 'extras'.

The N.H.S must become the  
administrator for this type of  
system if you wish us to provide  
a comprehensive system.

However it is far more likely  
that a 'core' service is all  
that will be provided to make  
patients dentally fit. perhaps  
subject to clinical necessity with  
stricter prior approval.

Trust you note my comments  
and good luck in trying to

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design a system that will  
please the majority.

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