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Shaping Your Future With Denplan

Changes within the NHS will mean that come April 2011, Personal Dental Schemes will be phased out in favour of a 'pioneered' personal contract. In response to these changes, Raj Rattan, Dento-Legal Adviser for Dental Protection, will be delivering a series of 'Shaping Your Future' seminars to offer information and guidance to dentists with NHS contracts - as well as how future changes are likely to affect their business.

Shaping Your Future seminars, developed by Denplan, are free to attend and also offer verifiable CPD. Raj will be discussing a range of issues such as what the future of the NHS may look like; how the changes will affect clinical freedom; the impact of shrinking NHS budgets and how new frameworks may affect the ability to deliver effective dental care.

Denplan Chief Dental Officer, Roger Matthews, commented: "The last time the government initiated a new NHS dental contract in 2001, 15% of NHS dentists left the NHS. The upcoming changes to the dental contract are therefore necessary and could well prove to be a positive step for NHS practitioners, but it's important for dentists to know where they stand. Shaping Your Future seminars are designed to do just that and Raj Rattan is well placed to offer the most comprehensive information and advice to any dentist with an NHS contract."

Shaping Your Future seminars

Swansea – 15 March 2011

Birmingham – 22 March 2011

Bournemouth – 5 April 2011

Colchester – 6 April 2011

Leeds – 4 May 2011

Knutsford – 10 May 2011

Leicester – 24 May 2011

For more information about Shaping Your Future seminars, please contact the Denplan on 0800 169 9934 or visit www.denplan.co.uk to register your interest.

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Notes to Editors:

Raj Rattan

Raj Rattan is a GDP whose career portfolio now includes general dental practice, dento-legal work with Dental Protection and a commitment to dental vocational training. A former policy adviser to the Department of Health, Raj is also executive adviser to Denplan and acts as a consultant to a number of professional organisations. He is the author/co-author of several books and has lectured extensively throughout the UK and overseas.

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