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 Chief Executive  
 General Dental Council  
*sent by email*

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**Selection of the next GDC Chair**

Dear Tom,

We write as the representative bodies covering the full spectrum of the dental sector, working across all fields of practice.

We note that Chair Lord Toby Harris is not seeking a second term of office. We can take some comfort that his term has not repeated the mistakes of his predecessor, Dr Bill Moyes, who left trust and confidence among registrants on the floor.

However, real gains made since 2021 cannot make up for lost ground.

Lord Harris has left a long lead time to ensure the right process is in place for selection of a successor. We want the right person for this role, and so we are united that the next Council Chair must be a registrant.

Rebuilding trust is a journey, not a final destination. We want to ensure your next Chair can bring knowledge, insight, and empathy from the coalface to the task ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Eddie Crouch  
 Chair  
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Dr Rhian Jones  
 President  
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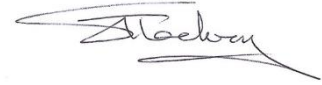
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