

# Stephen Henderson BDS LLM FFGDP(UK)Hon FCGDent FFFLM

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## **Profile**

Experienced clinician and dento-legal Adviser with extensive experience of the full range of defence indemnity work within the UK and internationally. Stephen is a registered specialist in oral surgery with recent and significant experience of clinical dental practice.

## **Key skills**

- Experienced clinician that has provided general dental care and specialist oral surgery care in practice since 1989 with fifteen years full time and part time hospital practice in oral surgery.
- Experienced dento-legal adviser to two major indemnity providers. In that role experience of managing the full range of complex dento-legal cases in the UK, Hong Kong, Ireland, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore (see below)
- Significant experience in supporting registrants facing investigations by the GDC GMC and the NHS
- Proven leadership and training skills; Identified and trained talented colleagues and built an effective and motivated team of dento-legal advisers to manage dental complaints, claims and regulatory cases.
- Sound written and verbal communications skills, excellent analytical and presentation skills.
- Well known and authoritative speaker and writer on dento-legal issues (see Appendix A)

## **Career summary**

### **Most recent role**

Dento-legal Adviser 2000- 2020 and Head of Dental Division MDDUS May 2020-August 2023

### **Qualifications / clinical experience**

- Registered Specialist in Oral Surgery with five years full time hospital practice and a further ten years part time experience of oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- Experienced at owning and running a general dental and referral practice both within the NHS and then in the private sector between 1989 and 2020 in Oxford.
- Experience of performing under an NHS IMOS contract in Bedford 2011-2020

### **Dentolegal legal knowledge and case handling experience.**

- Responsible for the day-to-day management and strategic decision making in cases from the UK, Ireland Hong Kong Singapore Malaysia Australia and New Zealand. Managed files in other jurisdictions, Channels Islands Isle of Man and the West Indies.
- Extensive experience in advising dentists and dental care professionals in all aspects of professional practice including the management of complaints, including intra-professional disputes.
- Demonstrated the ability to manage complex cases, including raising challenges to the GDC by Judicial Reviews and High Court Appeals.
- Managed high value and complex claims and regulatory cases both in the UK and internationally, notably Ireland, Hong Kong and Malaysia.
- Trained colleagues in supporting registrants facing regulatory investigations

## Qualifications

Fellow Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine	2021
Fellow College of General Dental Practice	2019
Honorary degree, Fellow of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners	2014
Master of Laws, (Legal Aspects of Medical Practice) Cardiff University	2005
Batchelor of Dental Surgery, University of London	1984

## Appointments

### MDDUS

Head of Dental Division	01.06.20 – 31.08.23
Dento-legal Adviser	01.02.18 – 31.05.20

### Dental Protection

Dento-legal Adviser	01.10.00 – 31.12.17
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### General Dental / Specialist Practice Appointments

Part time visiting Specialist, Oxford	30.09.06 – 13.03.20
Part time visiting Specialist, Bedford	14.09.11 - 13.03.20
Principal and owner Dental Practice, Oxford	01.11.91 - 29.09.06
Associate 105, Banbury Road, Oxford	15.07.89 - 31.10.91

### Hospital Appointments

John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford	05.10.87 - 31.12.00
The Royal London Hospital	01.09.86 - 31.08.87
Middlesbrough General Hospital	01.02.85 - 31.07.86
University College Dental Hospital, London	01.08.84 - 31.01.85

### Other Professional appointments

Oxfordshire Local Dental Committee	
Elected member 1992 then Chair	1995 – 2002
Bromley and Beckenham BDA Section	
Committee Member	2019 – present
Section Chair	2021/22

Appendix A

**Publications:**

In addition to numerous articles published in MDDUS and DP risk management publications I have the following publications in refereed journals:-

*Br Dent J* 1991 171 283-4 Guest PG and Henderson SJ  
“Surgical Emphysema of the mediastinum as a consequence of attempted extraction of a third molar tooth”

*Prim Dent Care*. 2003 Oct;10(4):119-23. John JH, Juniper RP, Thomas DR and Henderson SJ  
“Evaluation of a pilot hands-on course in surgical dentistry for primary care dental practitioners in Oxfordshire”

Medical Problems in Dentistry 6th Edition 2010 Elsevier Ltd  
Scully (Chapter 2)  
I edited and advised the author on the medico-legal aspects covered in this chapter.

*Br Dent J* 2011:210 17-23 Henderson SJ  
“Risk management in clinical practice. Part 11. Oral surgery”

*Faculty Dental Journal, Volume 2, Number 2, April 2011, pp. 53-58*  
Boynton S, Henderson S,  
“CQC and GDC: a practitioner's nightmare? How did we get here?”

*Prim Dent J* 2019;8(2) 49-52  
‘If it ain’t in the notes...’ Dental record keeping in adversity

*Br Dent J* 227 1035-1040(2019) Moore R Miller R Henderson S  
“Risk management in oral surgery”

*FDJ Vol 10 issue 4 October 2019 pp 126-133* Bell G Henderson S  
Craig A  
“Changes to the consent process for mandibular third molar surgery”

Cardiff University LLM Thesis 2005  
Henderson SJ “CHRE-The end of professional self-regulation?”