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Dental Protection supports Olympic dentists and DCPs

Following discussions with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG), DPL is happy to confirm that if a member wishes to volunteer their help during the event, then he or she can seek advice and assistance from us in the unlikely event that there is an adverse incident in respect of the provision of dental care.

Members entering into a formal relationship with any third party, either as a volunteer or for the provision of dental care (whether paid or otherwise) should advise DPL in advance of their intended participation. In most cases the existing subscription will be sufficient. Those working in the salaried services will need to ensure that they are in a membership in a category which allows for clinical dentistry outside any employer-indemnified position.

DPL is aware that in a small number of situations, those providing dental services on behalf of LOCOG through the dental facility that has been built in the Olympic Park will be indemnified by the party with whom they are contracting for the provision of these services. Those dental health professionals are advised to check what indemnity is being provided for them by LOCOG prior to contacting DPL to ensure that there will be no gaps in their indemnity.

DPL's assistance and indemnity for dental health professionals volunteering during the games will be limited to matters arising from the practice of dentistry, rather than from any services provided of a non-dental nature.

Kevin Lewis the Dental Director said, "Dental health professionals who volunteer to provide dental care during the games should continue to act within their competence (training, skill, experience) rather than attempting any new personal best. A few moments taken to study the protocols laid down by LOCOG in respect of the provision of their services will ensure that their own method of working is adapted for the unique international environment in which they will be working.

It is a great opportunity for dental healthcare professionals to demonstrate support for Team GB and contribute to the international goodwill generated by the greatest show in the world. We are delighted to be supporting them."

DPL has also published a position statement on its website.

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Notes for Editors

1. Dental Protection Limited (DPL) is an autonomous but wholly owned subsidiary of the Medical Protection Society (MPS), the world's largest professional indemnity organisation for doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals. Dental Protection has over 56,000 dental members in 70 countries around the globe and it is the only UK based protection organisation to have this international scope. In the UK, 70% of dentists are members.
2. MPS is not an insurance company. All benefits of membership are discretionary as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
3. The position statement for dentists volunteering during the 2011 Olympic and Paralympic Games is available here
www.dentalprotection.org/uk/positionstatements/olympics