## NHS Education South West Dental Postgraduate Deanery



# Successfully Handling Patient Complaints and Increasing Personal Confidence (SW11-04-01-1)

<u>Date and venue</u>: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 Salisbury District Hospital

Course Organiser: Jackie Gazzard

Course Lecturers:
Anthony Asquith & John Moore

#### **Programme**

8.30am Set up

9.00am Registration for the course

1.00pm Lunch

4.30pm End of course

Scheduled coffee breaks at 9.00am/ 11.20am/ Lunch 1.00pm/ and final afternoon coffee break at around 3.20pm

#### **Aims**

- Participants will develop strategies for handling complaints effectively
- Participants will learn about proactive risk management to avoid complaints
- Participants will learn too about what principles practitioners who don't get sued follow in their work.
- As well as the predisposing factors and precipitating factors as to why people take these matters further.
- Participants will also learn about the body language of dissatisfaction and what to do when these signs become visible.

### **Objectives**

- Developing a positive attitude towards handling patients who are distressed and not fearing complaints
- An understanding of complaints procedures and the stages involved as per GDC regulations.
- Different people complain for a variety of reasons and you'll discover how best to work with them as well as how to be confident in spite of adversity and maintaining a sense of perspective