

**THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW**

**A FREEDOM of INFORMATION 2012 UPDATE WORKSHOP  
for DENTISTS working in the NHS**

The aim of the workshop is to provide key information and practical advice about Freedom of Information to Dentists who work wholly or partially in the NHS, in order that they may feel up to date and confident about complying with this important Act.

The FOI Act 2000 was a response to the desire by the public for greater transparency in the operation of Government at all levels. The Act's deadline for the introduction of "Publication Schemes" has long passed, processes to respond to requests for access to information had to be in place and capable of operating 7 years ago, and new publications scheme requirements came into force at the beginning of 2009.

This workshop covers the subject from a very practical point of view, avoiding complex legalities, and has plenty of opportunity for discussion. It recaps on basics, and discusses the practical implications of the latest developments in the act. It is supported by examples of best practice approaches for attendees to adapt to their own situations.

The workshop's topics include:

- Information held by you that is covered by the act
- Producing a 2009 Freedom of Information publication scheme
- Who can ask to see information that you hold
- Exemptions and the "Public Interest Test"
- Handling requests to view information
- Latest developments
- Record management techniques that can help

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