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MDDUS APPOINTS TOP 'SPECIAL ADVISERS'

MDDUS has appointed two senior figures from the world of medical and dental regulation as honorary special advisers.

Former Chair of the General Medical Council Professor Sir Graeme Catto and the former Chair of the General Dental Council Hew Mathewson will provide guidance on specific regulatory issues and also on the future direction of the UK-wide medical and dental defence organisation.

Professor Gordon Dickson, chief executive, said: "It is important that MDDUS keeps its finger firmly on the political and regulatory pulse as it continues to advise and support its medical and dental members throughout the UK.

"I am delighted therefore that two of our members - both recently retired from the two key regulator bodies - have joined the Union as honorary special advisers.

"Sir Graeme Catto and Hew Mathewson bring a wealth of experience to the strategic role they will play at MDDUS, which will I am sure be of significant benefit to our members".

Mathewson was President of the General Dental Council from 2003 until the end of September 2009 and then the Council's first Chair until 31 December 2009.

His role at MDDUS will be to provide "strategic stimulus" to the dental and marketing teams as well as offering valuable insight into the workings of regulatory bodies. He will also assist in fostering useful external and governmental relations.

Mathewson said: "My role will help MDDUS to consider the bigger picture of the ever-changing regulatory world. The existing dental advisers are all fully occupied looking after members and I think it is important for the development of the organisation that we be aware of wider developments.

"I am particularly looking forward to joining forces with my opposite number from the GMC, Sir Graeme Catto, once more. We work well together."

Professor Sir Graeme Catto served in the role of President of the GMC for seven years and then Chair until 2009.

He will also bring valuable insight into medical regulatory issues and governmental matters with an eye to future developments that may affect MDDUS and its members.

Sir Graeme said: "At a time of change in clinical practice, rising patient and public expectations and financial stringency, MDDUS needs to be alert to future political and regulatory developments.

"As special adviser I look forward to working with Hew Mathewson in understanding that changing environment and helping the Union meet future challenges."

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Note to editors

MDDUS (Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland) is a medical defence organisation providing access to professional indemnity and expert medico-legal advice for doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals throughout the UK.

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