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Denplan partners with Aon to offer member practices a pension auto-enrolment solution

Denplan has partnered with Aon Employee Benefits, the UK health and benefits business of Aon plc, to offer its member dentists a simple pension auto-enrolment solution for their dental practices called 'Littleblue'. The law on workplace pensions has changed, with all employers now legally required to automatically enrol certain staff into a pension scheme and make contributions.

Although many dental practices won't have reached their auto-enrolment staging date yet (the date at which an employer's auto-enrolment responsibilities come into effect), it is important that practices are aware of the new regulations and start to prepare for the changes now. Aon's auto-enrolment solution "Littleblue" will be able to support practices with a step by step pension solution which can significantly ease the burden of complying with the new pension regulations.

Henry Clover, Deputy Chief Dental Officer at Denplan said: "We believe there are many dental practices that are not yet aware of how the law on workplace pensions has changed, or if they do know about the new regulations, they may not have started preparing for auto-enrolment yet. We are working closely with Aon to inform our members about the pension changes and how this could impact their practice. We are also encouraging them to start preparing for auto-enrolment at least six months before their staging date. We believe Aon's Littleblue auto-enrolment solution will save our members time and effort and give practices the tools necessary to navigate smoothly through the process. Denplan members will also benefit from a specially negotiated price during their first three years using the service."

Clare Abrahams, head of auto-enrolment at Aon Employee Benefits, said:

"Littleblue was designed to help smaller organisations through the auto-enrolment process. That is now approaching its climax in 2016 with staging to reach levels in the hundreds of thousands every quarter from the beginning of the year. It is still an involved process in which the correct compliance is a key factor and small employers will welcome the streamlined approach that Littleblue offers.



“Denplan, with its thousands of member dentists across the country, is aiming to make the auto-enrolment process easier for its members by partnering with a provider. We are very pleased to be working with them and look forward to rolling Littleblue out across its member dental practices.”

Denplan and Aon are also working together to organise a number of interactive Q&A webinars for member dental practices to address any concerns or issues practices may have with regards to the new pension regulations.

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About Aon

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About Littleblue

Littleblue fulfills all an organisation's auto-enrolment obligations, as well as providing staff with an engaging pension platform. Designed by Aon Employee Benefits as an off-the-shelf, easy to administer auto-enrolment solution, it allows a company to be auto-enrolment compliant.

Features can include

- Brief Questionnaire – designed to navigate you through the key decisions you will need to make and allow Aon to immediately get to work setting up your auto-enrolment solution
- Planning Tool - which highlights the actions you as an employer will need to take and, more importantly, reminds you when you need to do it
- Qualifying Pension Scheme – Aon have reviewed the provider market and teamed up with a selection of providers. We will be able to immediately set you up with a scheme and provider who is suited to your workforce and circumstances
- Communications – Littleblue not only provides you with the required statutory communications, but also a range of other employee-friendly communications including posters, brochures and fliers
- Helpline – Employers using Littleblue will have access to a telephone and email helpline. An easy to use benefits communication portal for all employees
- Engaging employee launch communication materials and information about auto-enrolment
- Employee education and modelling tools including videos and calculators
- An administration centre to run usage reports and manage users

For more information about Littleblue or auto-enrolment, visit www.getlittleblue.com



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About Denplan

Denplan Limited is the UK's leading dental payment plan specialist owned by Simplyhealth; with more than 6,500 member dentists nationwide caring for approximately 1.7 million Denplan registered patients. Established in 1986 by two dentists who pioneered the concept of dental payment plans, Denplan has been at the heart of dental care for over 25 years. Today, Denplan has a wide range of dental plans for adults and children, enabling patients to spread the cost of their private dental care through a fixed monthly fee. Denplan supports regular attendance and preventive care, reducing the need for clinical intervention and helping patients to maintain healthy teeth and gums for life. Patient enquiries telephone: 0800 401 402 Dentist enquiries telephone: 0800 328 3223

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- Membership Plan: registered with the dentist + worldwide dental injury and dental emergency cover
- Denplan Emergency: worldwide dental injury and dental emergency cover only
- Company Dental Plans: company funded, voluntary and flexible benefit schemes

Denplan also provides a range of professional services for its member dentists and their practice teams, including the Denplan Quality Programme, Denplan Excel Accreditation Programme and Denplan Training. Plus regulatory advice, business and marketing consultancy services and networking opportunities.

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