### Enhanced CPD – Sealing the Rules

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| Decision Trail   | August 2012: Council considered the draft consultation on Enhanced Continuing Professional Development (CPD)  
March 2013: Council approved the GDC’s response to the consultation  
September 2013: Council considered the final report of the Revalidation Working Group  
December 2013: Council considered the consultation on the draft CPD Rules Order of Council  
December 2013 – March 2014: Consultation  
February 2015: Council approved the draft Rules in principle but also requested options for a pilot  
April 2015: Council decided on its preferred option to pilot the Enhanced CPD scheme over a period of six months  
March - August 2016: Pilot period  
October 2016: Council considered the results of the pilot and:  
  • agreed the suggested changes to the draft Rules arising from the pilot;  
  • agreed to postpone the sealing of the Rules until 2017; agreed that the new scheme should come into force on 1 January 2018 for dentists and 1 July 2018 for DCPs. |
May 2017 Council approved the draft Rules and agreed to seal them at the June meeting.

**Next stage**
The sealed Rules will be sent to the Department of Health to be put through the process of Privy Council approval.

**Recommendations**
Council is asked to:
- Approve the sealing of General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council.

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**Appendices**
Appendix 1: The General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council, to be sealed

### 1. Executive summary

1.1. At its meeting in May 2017, the Council approved The General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council (the Enhanced CPD Rules) and discussed options for the further development of CPD. However, for technical reasons it was not possible to seal the Rules at that meeting and therefore the Council agreed to seal them at its June meeting.

1.2. This paper provides a final version of the Enhanced CPD Rules to be sealed. The Rules will have a coming into force date of January 2018 for dentists and July 2018 for DCPs.

### 2. Enhanced CPD

2.1. The history of the development of the new CPD scheme is summarised on the cover sheet. The proposed new scheme was piloted in 2016 and some amendments to both the system and the draft Rules were made as a result. The amendments were agreed by Council in October 2016 but the sealing of the draft Rules was postponed until 2017.

2.2. As a reminder, the main differences between the current scheme and ECPD are that the latter features:
- the use of a personal development plan (PDP) to identify areas of learning need and guide CPD;
- an emphasis on reflection;
- removal of the requirement to record non-verifiable CPD and a change in the number of hours of verifiable CPD required of different registrant groups; and
- a requirement for CPD activity to be spread more evenly throughout the five-year cycle.

2.3. The Executive has confirmed that the processes and infrastructure required to implement ECPD can be in place and are included in the Business Plan for 2017. The changes to systems and the tools being developed to support registrants will be discussed Council at a workshop on 21 June.
2.4 Further developments to the CPD scheme are being scoped as part of the *Shifting the Balance* programme. The changes brought about by these Rules will therefore be a first phase of changes.

3. **Recommendations**

3.1 The Council is asked to:

- Approve the sealing of General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council.

4. **Appendices**

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