

Stakeholder engagement report – January 2020

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Recommendation	To note.

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1. Stakeholder appointments

- 1.1. There have been two new appointments to the Society of British Dental Nurses (SBDN). Louise Smith has been appointed to the position of Vice President and Claire Faulkner has been appointed Vice Chair.
- 1.2. Jacqui Elsdon has been inaugurated as the new President of the British Association of Dental nurses 2019-2021 at the National Dental Nursing Conference held in Oxford on 1 November.
- 1.3. The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) has announced that Dr Bill Gunnyeon CBE, who is the current Chair of their Policy Advisory Committee, will take over as the Chair of Council on 1 April 2020.
- 1.4. The General Pharmaceutical Council has appointed Liam Anstey as the new Director for Wales. He took up his appointment on 11 November.
- 1.5. We have been notified of the following changes at NHS Education for Scotland. Carline Lamb, the outgoing Chief Executive has taken a secondment to the Scottish government as Director of Digital Reform and Service Engagement, the Acting Chief Executive is now Professor Stewart Irvine, taking his role as Acting Medical Director is Professor Rowan Parks and taking up the post of Acting Deputy Director is Andrey McColl.
- 1.6. Professor Alan Manning has been reappointed as Chair of the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to complete the current commission, he has been in post since 2016 and his three-year term has been extended to the end of January 2020.

2. Stakeholder engagement report

International

- 2.1. We provided a presentation on the future recognition of EU qualifications in the UK following EU Exit at the meeting of the Federation of European Dental Competent Authorities and Regulators (FEDCAR) on 29 November 2019.

UK-wide engagement

- 2.2. The Head of Adjudications presented on the fitness to practise process and the regulatory restrictions that are currently constraining it at the British Dental Association (BDA) Indemnity Strategy Day on 20 November.
- 2.3. We hosted a workshop on developing new guidance for managers of dental professionals on 11 December 2019 at our Birmingham office. Attendees included member of the BDA, Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the Dental Defence Union (DDU). Discussions included the topics and types of content that should be included in the new guidance.
- 2.4. We attended the Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Forum on 11 December where discussions included the impact of EU exit and developments to continue the recognition of accredited degrees after EU exit.

- 2.5. The Head of Public Policy attended the Westminster Health Forum on 12 December where discussions included the NHS workforce, the NHS People Plan and key leadership issues. Repeated references were made to professionalism and leadership throughout the conference which resonated with the work being led by the GDC.
- 2.6. Members of the policy team and In-house Legal Advisory Service (ILAS) attended the Proportionality Test Engagement Event held at the offices of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification (MRPQ) on 19 December. Discussions included progress made on the proportionality test regulations and what these will mean for regulators.

Health and care professional regulators

- 2.7. We met with the Head of Education Policy and Quality Assurance at the General Medical Council (GMC) on the 27 November to discuss developments in quality assurance across the regulators.
- 2.8. Members of the policy team and ILAS attended the cross-regulatory workshop on sexual misconduct held at the GMC on 6 December. Discussions included the production of guidance for identifying and managing sexual misconduct, raising public awareness of the issue and working with employers to address issues.
- 2.9. The Head of Public Policy attended a focussed workshop exploring the possibility of rating in General Dental Practice at the Care Quality Commission on Monday 9 December 2019. Discussions included whether dental practices should be rated and the best way to do this.

Scotland

- 2.10. The Director for Scotland attended a meeting with the NHS Complaints Personnel Association Scotland on 20 November, where we received updates on complaints from the GMC, Scottish Government, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Practitioner Advice Support Scheme.
- 2.11. The Director for Scotland met with Tom Ferris, Chief Dental Officer (CDO) Scotland and Alan Whittet, Senior Dental Advisor, NHS National Services Scotland on 21 November to provide updates on key workstreams, including details of the corporate strategy.
- 2.12. The Head of Adjudications, Head of Upstream Regulation and the Director for Scotland attended a meeting of Scottish Dental Practice Advisors meeting on 22 November where discussions included complaint referrals and EU qualified practitioners, particularly with reference to the provision of information in key practice areas.
- 2.13. The GDC hosted a meeting of the Dental Professional Forum in Edinburgh on 27 November 2019. Presentations provided at the event included the launch of the new Corporate Strategy 2020-2022 and End to End Review of Fitness to Practise. The keynote speaker, Tom Ferris, CDO Scotland, provided a breakdown of the priorities for dentistry in Scotland.

- 2.14. The Director for Scotland met with Jason Birch, Head of Regulatory Unit, Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate on 6 December 2019 where discussions included an update on current priorities and the appointment of the new Head of Scottish Affairs.
- 2.15. The Executive Director, Fitness to Practise Transition presented an update on the Corporate Strategy 2020-2022 and the next stage of the End to End Review of Fitness to Practice to the BDA Scotland on 12 December. Later that day, he attended a meeting of the Scottish Directors of Dentistry to provide details of priorities for the GDC and how we are sharing learning and engaging with key stakeholders across the UK.
- 2.16. The Head of Adjudication provided an update on the End to End Review Fitness to Practise at a session for dental mentors in Dundee on 31 December 2019.

Education and student engagement

- 2.17. We attended the Health Education England (HEE) Advancing Dental Care Assurance Board meeting on 21 November. The presentation focussed on best practice across Europe of using the dental care professional skill mix with an emphasis on Denmark, Finland and Netherlands.
- 2.18. We attended the UK Healthcare Education Advisory Committee (UKHEAC) meeting on 22 November. Discussions included priorities for 2020 and the NHS People Plan.
- 2.19. The Head of Education Policy and Quality Assurance and the Head of Communications and Engagement attended a meeting with the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) on 2 December. We provided updates on the launch of the Corporate Strategy, application fees, risk-based quality assurance and wider issues of quality management of dental nurse training.
- 2.20. The Head of Education Policy and Quality Assurance met with the Chair of the Dental Schools Council and the Dental Schools Dean for London and Newcastle on 9 December. Discussions included revisions to the monitoring process and how to improve transparency and communication.
- 2.21. Between 25 November and 6 December, we completed the following student engagement sessions where we detailed the role of the GDC and completed some interactive exercises on professionalism. All sessions were with first year BDS students, they were:
- 25 November – Queen Mary University London
 - 2 December – University of Manchester
 - 3 December – Queens University Belfast
 - 3 December – University of Liverpool
 - 4 December – Sheffield University

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3. Stakeholder engagement calendar (January and February 2020)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Dec	31 08:30 Comms: Check CMS Forms 09:00 JC: Dundee Dental Education Centre: session for mentors; Perth, Scotland (Skype option available); stakeholder	1 Jan 20 New Year's Day	2 08:30 Comms: check CMS forms	3	4
6 09:30 SPEAC Meeting; Meeting Room - WS (2.1F) 2nd Floor Meeting Room (SKYPE); Meeting Room - BH (CS01) - Medium Meeting Room (8) (SKYPE); stakeholder	7 08:30 Comms: Check CMS Forms 12:00 SoP Report Feedback; Meeting - WS 5.1 - Fifth Floor Meeting Room (6) (SKYPE); Humaira Khanom 14:00 PG Cert in Dental Law and Ethics Talk (postgrad session on ethics); Iuton	8 Warwick OT inspection (Martin lead); Martin McElvanna	9 08:30 Comms: check CMS forms 14:00 Advisory Board for Specialty Training in Dentistry Meeting (ABSTD); Royal College of Surgeons of England; stakeholder	10	11
13 09:30 SPEAC Meeting; Meeting Room - WS (2.1F) 2nd Floor Meeting Room (SKYPE); Meeting Room - BH (CS01) - Medium Meeting Room (8) (SKYPE); stakeholder 10:00 Fwd: DFT undergraduate liaison group; Sheffield Dental School; Alison.Harwood@hee.nhs.uk	14 08:30 Comms: Check CMS Forms	15 11:00 Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh-Specialty Meeting; Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh-Surgeons Hall, Nicolson St, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW.; Natalie Watson	16 08:30 Comms: check CMS forms 14:00 AC - HEE Dentists in difficulty study day; stakeholder	17	18
20 09:30 SPEAC Meeting; Meeting Room - WS (2.1F) 2nd Floor Meeting Room (SKYPE); Meeting Room - BH (CS01) - Medium Meeting Room (8) (SKYPE); stakeholder	21 08:30 Comms: Check CMS Forms	22 Leeds HT inspection; Kathryn Counsell-Hubbard	23 08:30 Comms: check CMS forms 09:30 GDC & HEIW re QA of Dental Specialty Training in Wales; HEIW Meeting Room 4, Ty Dysgu, Cefn Coed, Nantgarw, CF15 7QQ; Frances Yuen-Lee (HEIW)	24	25
27 Edinburgh OT inspection; Scott Wollaston 09:30 SPEAC Meeting; Meeting Room - WS (2.1F) 2nd Floor Meeting Room (SKYPE); Meeting Room - BH (CS01) - Medium Meeting Room (8) (SKYPE); stakeholder	28 08:30 Comms: Check CMS Forms	29 Edinburgh HT inspection; Edinburgh University; Kathryn Counsell-Hubbard 15:00 BDS induction - University of Birmingham; Lecture Theatre 1 and 2, University of Birmingham, 5 Mill Pool Way, Birmingham, B5 7EG; Daniel Knight	30 08:30 Comms: check CMS forms	31 14:00 JC: Dundee Dental Education Centre: Session for mentors in Perth; Perth, Scotland; stakeholder	1 Feb

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