

## Report Addendum

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Date of Inspection:	Exam Inspection 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 Enhanced Training Practice (ETP) visits: Clacton-on-Sea 22 <sup>nd</sup> May and Falmouth 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## Summary

The purpose of this inspection was to conclude the new programme inspection for the BDSi programme which took place in July 2023. When the inspection was conducted the examinations had already taken place, so the panel was unable to triangulate all areas of the Standards for Education. It was also identified at inspection that one of the ETP's (Thetford) was closing and a new ETP in Falmouth was opening, therefore ETP visits were an action from the 2023 inspection.

The panel found the exams to be fit for purpose and are assured that students will graduate as safe beginners. The ISCE's are clearly mapped to the GDC Learning outcomes and there is clear standard setting, and all staff are aware of these standards. The BDSi students completed the ISCE's alongside the BDS UK students and through the use of blind marking the students were treated fair and equal throughout.

The panel saw evidence of effective collaboration between UCLan and MyDentist, and there are clear systems in place for both to track progress and raise concerns if required.

Pastoral support for the students was very good and the students felt supported by both UCLan and MyDentist. Students were very positive about the course and saw this programme as a clear and enhanced pathway to practicing Dentistry in the UK.

The panel noted good communication between UCLan, MyDentist and the students, and felt this was a positive given the geographical distance. The panel gave a particular mention to Anna Barlach Pritchard (Senior Clinical Teacher / Course Lead) who they had heard consistently supported both the students and staff at MyDentist.

The panel noted the secondary benefits of the programme in supporting and developing supervisor training.

The panel were told that there had been some issues in clinical experience due to the pricing of procedures, however, the panel saw evidence of MyDentist proactively reducing prices, in both Falmouth and Clacton, to widen access to patients and achieve the breadth of clinical procedures for students. UCLan must monitor this to ensure that this is maintained and that pricing in the ETP's does not adversely impact on patients' choice of treatment.

The panel were informed by MyDentist that there were only three students enrolled on the programme for 2024-25. The provider assured the panel that this was due to marketing of the programme awaiting the outcome of the GDC inspection and recent issues with regulation changes in visa applications. The panel were assured to see that this issue was listed on the provider's risk register which is discussed at regular team meetings and any significant issues discussed at the weekly rapid response meetings. However, more detail around each risk should be recorded to demonstrate the impact and actions to be taken to mitigate the risk.

The programme will be monitored in 2024-25 as part of the annual monitoring to ensure that the GDC remains aware of the future cohort sizes and ETP sites. The provider was notified of the programme modification process for notifying the GDC of any changes in future.

During the Inspection, the panel were given a progress update on the actions required following the Inspection in 2023.

Requirement number	Action	Observations & response from Provider	Update
1	The school should keep auditable records of all entry requirements checks that have been carried out on students, such as police checks and checks against standards.	Records are kept by the university admissions team, but we will audit these to ensure both the accuracy and predictive validity going forwards.	This will continue to be monitored as part of future GDC quality assurance activity.
1	School should continually review that 600 hour of clinical post clinical hours is adequate as part of the APL.	This will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it meets the standard required to enter at BDS4. To date we have not had any concerns in relation to the clinical ability of the two cohorts we have admitted on these clinical hours, but we acknowledge the benefit of keeping this under constant review and making changes of necessary	The panel were assured that the setting of the APL was supported by an external examiner.
2	The provider must ensure that all patients are explicitly consenting to treatment by a student.	All consent forms were updated during the visit and continue to be used. We plan to audit the use of these and will provide examples during the visit in May.	The panel saw evidence of a consent form which is used within the Enhanced Training Placement.
10	The programme must utilise a method of logging and tracking risks that is more contemporaneous and allows for an	A live risk register has been implemented and we can give the panel access to this in May.	The panel reviewed the new risk register. The provider should add more detail around each risk. Detail should be

	adequate level of detail to be recorded.		recorded to demonstrate the impact and actions to be taken to mitigate the risk.
14	The programme should update the GDC as to their progress in transitioning to the new central recording system.	The transition to LiftUpp should take place over the summer period in 2024. There have been hold-ups surrounding data sharing agreements and a transfer to new dental software happening in some of the trusts our other programmes work in. We will keep the panel updated with progress.	The panel described the GDC Programme Modification process, and the provider should use this to notify the GDC of any changes to the programme.

No further inspection activity is required on these actions, and the provider will return to annual monitoring during 2024-25.

Following this Inspection the recommendation from the panel is that the programme is sufficient to allow students to become registrants with the GDC.