

General
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News for you

For individuals and organisations with an interest in the GDC

Dear stakeholder,

Our monthly newsletter includes the latest updates on regulation, standards and sector news.

View from the Chair



Dr Helen Phillips sets out what it means to be a trusted and effective regulator and the importance of working with partners to achieve our vision.

[Read more from Dr Phillips](#)



Increase in dentists on the register

Latest annual renewal figures show the number of dentists on the register increased again by over 3%.

[Find out more](#)

Blog: Insights and initiatives on sexual misconduct in dentistry

Former clinical fellow at the GDC, Lauren Stockham looks into the issue of sexual misconduct in dentistry and what can be done to address it.

[Read more on Lauren's blog](#)



Blog: Jason Wong explains what reforms mean for England's dental team

We asked Jason Wong, Chief Dental Officer for England, to explain what the NHS dental contract reforms mean for dental professionals in England.

[Read more on these reforms](#)



Recruiting for a new Registrant Council Member

We are looking to appoint a new Registrant Council Member to join our governing body, with the successful candidate expected to take office in October.

[Find out more](#)



Blog: Council Member, Serbjit Kaur, reflects on what inspired her to join our Council

With applications open for registrants to apply for the role of Registrant Council Member, Serbjit Kaur was drawn to the opportunity to help shape how the dental professions are regulated.

[Read more from Serbjit](#)



Our Chief Executive meets the next generation of dental professionals

Our Chief Executive and Registrar, Tom Whiting and Jason Wong, Chief Dental Officer for England presented together at the British Dental Students' Association (BDSA) Conference in Liverpool.

[Read more on their speeches to students](#)



Congratulations and a warm welcome to new CDO Scotland

We look forward to working closely with Dr Gillian Leslie, who started her role as Chief Dental Officer for Scotland at the beginning of January. Among her early priorities, Gillian has overseen the implementation of changes to mandatory training for dentists which took effect on 31 January 2026.



[Find out more about changes to mandatory training and prior approval in Scotland](#)

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