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Bill Moyes Post-Council blog

In his latest [post council blog](#) Bill Moyes provides an update on some key discussions across the GDC including the end of the consultation on the GDC corporate strategy and the response to the regulatory reform consultation published by the Department of Health and Social Care.

Can you help make lifelong learning more meaningful?

We've opened a conversation about [lifelong learning for dental professionals](#) and want to hear from you. We believe that any future system for lifelong learning needs to continue to drive improvements in patient care, while becoming more responsive to the needs of dental professionals, but we want to know what you think.

Make sure your voice is heard, please respond by 3 October.

Did you miss the ARF payment deadline?

If you're one of the over 68,500 dental care professionals who renewed by the 31 July deadline, thank you for completing on time. If you did not manage to pay your annual retention fee, but want to continue to practise in the UK, you will now need to apply for restoration to the Register. Please visit our [website](#) for details.

Annual Renewal:CPD statement deadline is 28 August

The Enhanced CPD scheme now requires all dental professionals to make an annual CPD statement. If you're a dental care professional, who has been on the Register for over a year, you will need to make an annual, or end-of-cycle, CPD statement by 28 August.

Significant numbers of dental care professionals have already made their CPD statement for this year, but if you haven't done it yet, you still have a little time. If you are coming to the end of your five-year CPD cycle, please make an end-of-cycle statement, as normal.

If you are mid-cycle you will need to make an annual CPD statement. This is the change introduced by the Enhanced CPD scheme in 2018. To do this, simply login to your eGDC account and complete the fields in the CPD section. If you've not done any CPD this year, please enter a 'zero' in the verifiable hours box. If you do not have an eGDC account, you can set it up now, it takes just five minutes.

Please complete your CPD statement by 28 August. If you have any questions about the process, please email us on cpdenquiries@gdc-uk.org.

Launch of the new GDC Website

Over the next few weeks you will notice changes to the GDC website. Based on research and feedback from our users, we've improved the structure and design of gdc-uk.org to present information more clearly and better help people find their way around.

We hope these changes will make it easier for you to find the information you need.

Read about developments in specialty training

Over the past few years there has been much activity on the specialty education and training front at the GDC. Click [here](#) to find out more about the upcoming specialty developments.

How we are ensuring graduates are prepared for practice

Since the summer of 2018, teams across the GDC have been working on research around the preparedness for practice of UK dental graduates. Find out more and read the full article on our [website](#).

The latest edition of our Research Digest is now available

The latest edition of our Research Digest summarises the findings from relevant research drawn from academic journals and publications about dentistry, published between July and December 2018, and from GDC's own recent research.

Click [here](#) to read the Research Digest.

Welsh Government response to the health, social care and sport committee report

You may wish to be aware that the Welsh Government responded to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's report 'A Fresh Start: Inquiry into dentistry in Wales' in late July. Their response can be read [here](#).

CQC publishes "The safer management of controlled drugs: Update report for 2018"

The CQC have provided an update on the safer management of controlled drugs. They have reported on: the increase in opioid prescribing across the UK; what measures have been put in place following the Gosport Independent Panel report; their continuing concerns regarding lower schedule controlled drugs; and the introduction of legislation for cannabis based medicinal products.

The update shares the key issues raised by NHS England controlled drug accountable officers and their unaccounted-for losses of controlled drugs by NHS England area. It also gives examples of issues raised and followed up through the local area networks. The report also provides data on overall prescribing trends for controlled drugs in 2018, which were broadly similar to 2017. Read more [here](#).
